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The coal board said any increase paid from March 1 would have to last a year, confirming for the first time that the 12-month rule is being extended into a fourth phase of *income policy that would take* controls on pay bargaining up to the next general election.

Mr Gormley added: "They cannot have this situation, and therefore we are saying that because we are in the public industry we should not be hidebound by government guidelines which have no authority in law."

The miners were seeking to reestablish the place they won in the pay league after the 1972 strike and the adjudication of the Wilberforce inquiry. "We need more than 10 per cent to rectify the position", he said.

However, after rejecting the firemen's plea for an assault on the 10 per cent pay limit, the TUC is not likely to entertain enthusiastically any proposal by the miners that they should be a special case worthy of support from the wider *labour movement.*

TUC leaders will point to the exemption from pay restraint granted to workers who accept self-financing productivity deals, which miners in all areas are now working towards. Pit incentives are giving rises of £20 or £30 a week for extra output; that bargaining safety valve was introduced to help to lower coalfield unrest over pay and remove the threat of a miners' strike this winter.

Most NUM leaders are not talking about a confrontation. Mr Michael McGahey, the union's vice-president, said talks were only in their early stages, and Mr Gormley added that it would be up to the men *in a secret pithead ballot to* decide "in the light of all the things happening around them" whether they would challenge the coal board or the Government.

An attempt by Mr Arthur Scargill, left-wing president of the Yorkshire miners, to move the union directly towards industrial action after rejection of the 10 per cent offer attracted only one vote among the other 15 members of the negotiating team, that of Mr Emlyn Williams, president of the South Wales miners.

The real interest in yesterday's development was that the miners sought to go immediately *from the bargaining* table into the Whitehall arena, arguing that wage determination is not simply a matter of the industry's ability to pay but equally (if not more so in their case) of public policy.

A 10 per cent wage agreement in the pits would give rises ranging from £5 to £7.50 for miners, whose basic rates range from £49.50 for 40 hours on the surface to £71.35 for 37½ *hours at the coalface.*

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Britain may recognize settlement at Smith talks

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Dr Owen admitted for the first time yesterday that in certain circumstances the British Government would have to consider recognizing a government in Rhodesia resulting from the "internal settlement" talks now going on in Salisbury between Mr Smith and moderate African nationalist leaders.

That was the clear interpretation of the Foreign Secretary's answer in the Commons to Mr Thorpe, the former Liberal leader. Mr Thorpe asked him if he agreed that if faced with "the brutal choice" between those who wanted a solution through force and those who wanted to negotiate for a peaceful solution, the Government would have no alternative but to settle for the latter.

Dr Owen replied that he did agree. "Although we should pursue peace up to the last *moment, I envisage a situation* in which we must consider recognizing a government which had assumed power while there was still a conflict. That is the reality. We have to assess that decision on the basis of how many people voted in the election and whether the Government was reasonably representative."

He added that that would be a difficult decision which he *hoped the House could avoid.*

Earlier Mr Thorpe had indicated his disenchantment with the position taken up by the Patriotic Front leaders in the Malta talks, when he suggested to the Foreign Secretary that *these had ended in* almost total stalemate. If the Front was still demanding that power should be handed over to them before elections, he urged Dr Owen to accept that it would be "totally wrong" to hand over from an existing minority to a new one which could be just as dangerous.

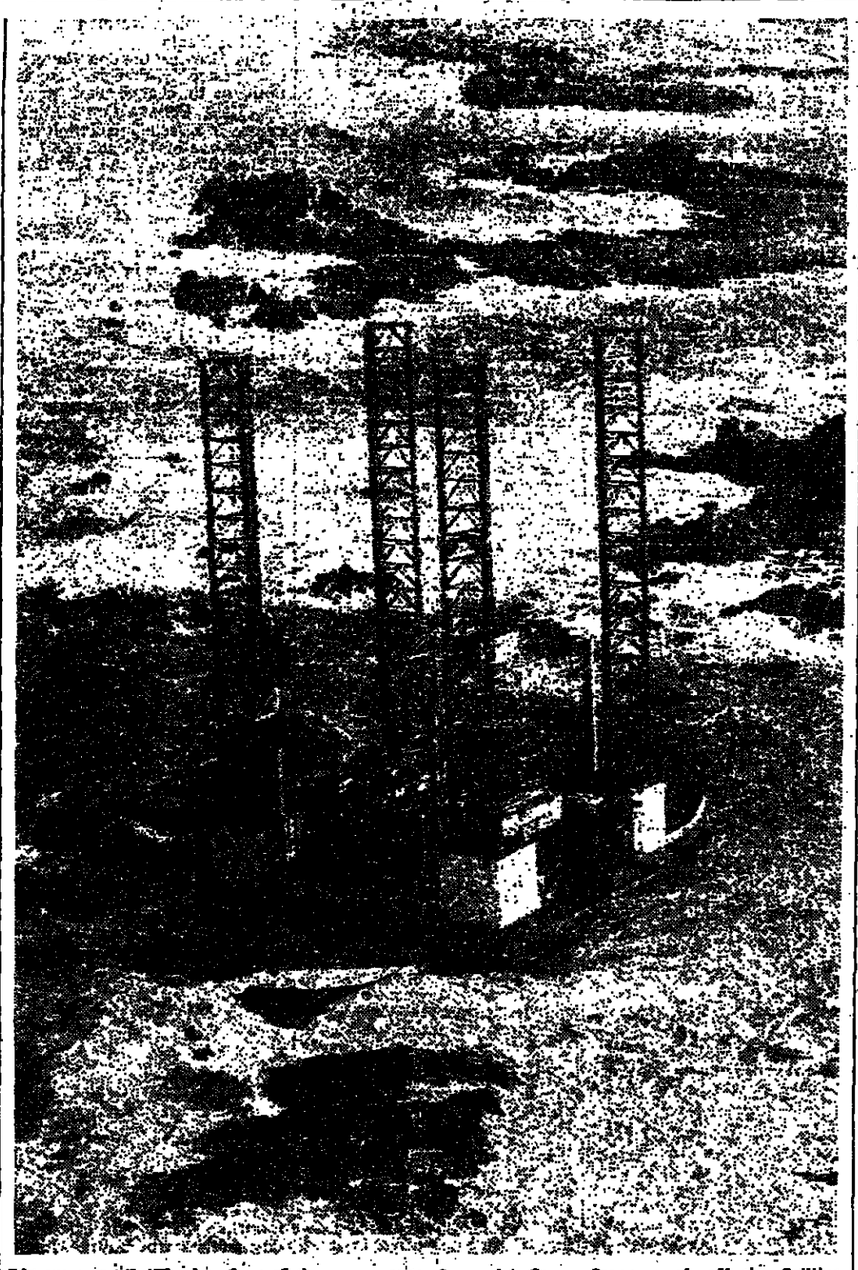
In reply to Mr John Davies, the Conservative foreign affairs spokesman, Dr Owen had earlier *denied that he was prepared to* cooperate only on the basis of the Anglo-American proposals, although he still felt that they offered the best solution. The Foreign Secretary agreed that the talks in Salisbury had made progress and that the acceptance of one man, one vote by Mr Smith was an important change in the Rhodesian leader's position.

Later, he told the Commons that *he had resisted attempts* to make him condemn the Salisbury talks. He had continuously urged the Patriotic Front to talk to other nationalist leaders. In a statement, which indicated that little progress was made during the talks in Valletta, the Foreign Secretary repeated that the British Government was prepared to accept responsibility for bringing the territory of Rhodesia to independence *after elections and was committed* to ensuring that those elections should be manifestly free and impartial.

If the Government was to shoulder that responsibility, it must have an assured and supervised ceasefire. In cooperation with the United Nations there must be the control necessary to ensure maintenance of peace and good order during the electoral process. But, Dr Owen added, at present the necessary measure of compromise was lacking and tragically it seemed inevitable that the armed struggle would continue for the time being. The House, he said, would not wish *Britain to assume responsibility* for Rhodesia while the armed struggle was continuing. That was the central point.

Dr Owen disclosed another disagreement with the Patriotic Front when he said he could not accept their statement issued earlier yesterday that the guarantor of the irreversibility of the transitional process should be the Patriotic Front's liberation forces.

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Rig crew saved: The last four of the crew were flown to safety by a Royal Navy helicopter from the 19,000-ton Norwegian oil rig Orion (photographed above), aground in heavy seas on the west coast of Guernsey yesterday.

Earlier, two of the crew had been taken off by lifeboat before helicopters were first called in. They rescued 24 more but had to pull out as the rig started spinning on the rocks. Two men were taken off by breeches buoy but the ropes were not taut enough for the last four. The Seven Stones lightship, which dragged her anchor on Wednesday night, is in no danger and remains in position to protect shipping from the Seven Stones reef, off the Scillies. Rescuers searching for Mr Simon Whipple, aged 23, of Charlton Road, Wantage, Berkshire, found his wallet, cheque book, a map and some food in an unmanned youth hostel at Glen Affric, Highland Region, last night. The searchers, from RAF Leuchars, followed footprints in the snow. Mr Whipple was last seen on Tuesday.

Donald Kely, aged 15 months, was flown from the remote Highlands to the Royal Northern Infirmary at Inverness yesterday for treatment for a heart condition after his father had driven a tracked tractor 20 miles to a doctor. His family home was becoming short of paraffin.

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Hot passions aroused over temple of arts

By Philip Howard

What was meant to be an exclusive little government briefing on its plans for Chiswick House yesterday turned into a bear garden. Nobody was quite punched on the nose, but gatecrashers shouted angrily at the minister and her *advisers. What dire offence* from architecture springs; what mightly contests rise from trivial things (though it would clearly be foolhardy as well as erroneous to describe Lord Burlington's exquisite Palladian villa as trivial).

Lady Birk, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, wanted to explain her department's rumoured plans to build an exhibition centre to the east of Chiswick House, Lord Burlington's, *exquisite Palladian villa*, on the site of the loggia that connected the villa with his old Jacobean house. She said *£90,000 was necessary anyway.*

A clutter of sheds has to be removed and a room provided for the five custodians. It would cost another £90,000 to combine that work with a new ticket office, lavatories, tea room, and an exhibition centre to be used to show the Palladian origins of Lord Burlington's design and his concept of the villa as a temple of the arts.

That *one-storey building* would be tucked away behind an extension of the nineteenth-century garden wall. The Royal Fine Art Commission has seen the plans and is hopes that barrels and crates of beer will *not litter this* prototype landscape of the Picturesque laid out by William Kent. It has suggested that the entry from the exhibition centre to the villa might be more classical up some stairs and into the *piano nobile* on the first floor.

Lady Birk said nothing was finally decided, and that rumours that the Government wanted to use Chiswick House as a sort of elegant bordello, or annexe of Lancaster House for entertaining, were moonshine. You could not do much official entertaining in darkest Hounslow, and in a room holding 50 people, equipped principally to provide tea.

The plans were harshly criticized. It was shouted that the proposed erection would destroy the very thing that people came to see, the classic scenery that Walpole considered worth more than many fragments of ancient grandeur. It was said that the new designs aped Kent's plans.

Lady Birk said she could not state categorically that the centre would never be used as a government hospitality building, because for one thing she did not know how long she would be in the Government. But she would like to see the villa used for music and poetry in the evenings. It was reasonable to enable people who came for such orgies to buy a cup of tea and go to the lavatory.

Mr James Ellis, the senior departmental architect, who designed the centre, said that far from competing with Lord Burlington and Kent, he had tried to make his building as inconspicuous as possible. Lady Birk is now going to consult the Historic Buildings Council and other interested parties.

Tories want debate on black list of firms

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

In a last-minute change of tactics, shadow ministers decided last night to challenge the Government in a Commons debate next week on the operation *of the so-called "black list" of* companies.

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, and her colleagues believe the Government to be vulnerable over its policy of withholding grants to companies that have broken the 10 per cent guideline on wage increases.

The argument has been brought to the forefront of the parliamentary battle because of the threatened action of the Department of Trade against Sun Alliance and London Insurance.

Economic ministers have decided to impose sanctions on the company because they *believe its pay settlement* breaches government policy. The Department of Trade is expected within the next few days to order the insurance group to cut its premiums.

After exchanges in the Commons yesterday involving Mrs Thatcher and the Prime Minister the Conservative leader and her colleagues met last night and decided to postpone their planned attack on the Government's economic strategy on Tuesday and aim at a point where they believe ministers to be most immediately vulnerable.

They argue that while the Government has every legal *entitlement to withhold state* finance from any company, the ministers' action is being taken without parliamentary reference. Indeed, ministers have for some months stonewalled challenges that the Government is imposing sanctions and operating a black list.

The latest figures show that about nineteen companies are *involved, nine or 10 of them* suffering from the withdrawal of government aid because they are deemed to have broken the pay policy.

Shadow ministers, however, have refrained from tabling their own motion of criticism for tactical reasons. A defeat on their motion would imply parliamentary approval of government actions, so they have resorted to a debate on the *adjournment of the House*, which the Government cannot amend.

But Labour's left wing has come to their assistance, because the Shadow Cabinet has decided to make use of an early day motion the left wing tabled headed: "The misuse of government discretionary powers." It states: "That this House condemns the use by the Government of economic sanctions against those firms and workers who have negotiated pay settlements above the 10 per cent guidelines."

Twenty-seven Labour left-wingers signed the motion and the Opposition is no doubt hoping to have their support in the division lobbies after the debate on Tuesday night.

Economic ministers are to make a sample survey of firms with approved self-financing productivity deals to see whether there has been any slippage in the agreements.

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Liberals welcome profit-sharing plans

By Bryan Appleyard
Financial Staff

Share incentive schemes to encourage profit-sharing for employees throughout British industry were unveiled by the Liberal Party, the Government and the Inland Revenue yesterday.

A consultative document outlining three methods of distributing company profits among employees was issued by the Inland Revenue. The Liberals have made it clear that they regard the move as the greatest single victory to *emerge from the Lib-Lab pact.*

Mr John Pardoe, the Party's spokesman on economic affairs, said: "This is a great day for Liberals and a great day for the British economy."

He made it clear that the proposals are virtually certain to be included in the next Finance Bill. He expects companies to begin special meetings to vote on profit-sharing plans in the autumn.

Although there are three major proposals, all of which may be included in the Bill, Mr Pardoe emphasized that only the third was regarded as a real breakthrough for the Liberals.

This scheme involves companies making an allocation each year for profit-sharing. This money would be used to buy shares in the company at full value and these shares would then be divided among employees within the scheme.

They would be retained by a trust and they would not be liable for income tax. The maximum amount allowable per employee would be £500 worth per year.

Employees would not be allowed to sell the shares within five years, though there would be exceptions in the case of death or redundancy.

After five years the cash from a sale would be divided into two parts. Half would be chargeable to income tax. Any excess of the sale price over acquisition price would be chargeable to capital gains tax. Dividends would be payable to the employee as they arose and would be liable to the usual income tax.

One of the other schemes involves a cash bonus paid on the condition that the employee uses it to buy shares. These also could not be sold less than five years after acquisition and the price would be discounted from the full market value accordingly with an additional employee discount of 10 per cent.

Income tax would not be charged on the discount or the

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In 'The Times' tomorrow

Another demonstration against racialism is planned in Wolverhampton tomorrow. In a special report in *The Times* tomorrow Robert Parker reports on the resentment of the immigrant communities and on alleged complacency

There is also a report on the history of Britain's secret intelligecence service; the monthly paperbacks page, and interviews with Jack Nicholson, the Hollywood actor, Edward de Bono, the lateral thinker, and Catherine Gavin, the author.

Poison warning on oranges from Spain

People eating Spanish oranges have been warned by the Health Department to check them for mercury poisoning. A Palestinian terrorist organization claimed responsibility for putting mercury into Israeli oranges. Later it was reported that Spanish oranges were also affected. The Health Department advised people to peel an orange, divide it into segments and look for silver-grey droplets in the flesh before eating it

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£20m Stern debt suit

A bankruptcy petition claiming £20m, believed to be *the largest ever involving* a single creditor, has been presented to Mr William Stern, whose property empire crashed four years ago with debts of about £170m. The petition is from merchant bankers Keyser Ullmann and the hearing has been fixed for April

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School places ban

Local education authorities will be unable to pay for places at independent secondary schools in the autumn for at least a thousand bright children now at state primary schools. The Government will not give its approval for the expenditure

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Ombudsman seeks direct access

The Parliamentary Commissioner for *Administration (the Ombudsman)* suggested that the public should be allowed to put complaints to him directly instead of having to make the approach through an MP. He would then tell the MP he was prepared to start an investigation

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No Packer appeal

There will be no appeal against the verdict in the Packer case, the International Cricket Conference and the Test and County Cricket Board decided after their two-day meeting. The future of Kerry Packer's players was left in the hands of individual countries and counties

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Restaurant car fines

British Transport Hotels, a subsidiary of British Rail, was fined £2,000 at Carlisle after admitting 20 charges relating to the cleanliness of three restaurant cars. Mr Thomas Armstrong, chairman of the bench, said: "We think there was a very marked lack of supervision"

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More mobility grants

Proposed regulation changes will mean that many parents of handicapped children who had been refused mobility allowances will now get them. They include parents of Down's syndrome sufferers

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Mr Sadat begins US visit today

President Sadat arrives in Washington today for talks with President Carter which could determine whether the peace initiative with Israel ends in success or failure. But there are no high hopes in Cairo. Meanwhile, the anti-Sadat summit of Arab leaders opened in Algiers yesterday. Colonel *Gaddafi, the Libyan leader,* was not present

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Refuelling in space

Two Soviet cosmonauts chalked up a space first by successfully refuelling in outer space the engines of their Salyut 6 space laboratory. They had been preparing for the transfer of the rocket fuels for the past 12 days. The refuelling gives Salyut 6 a new lease of life as it could be fired into an even deeper orbit

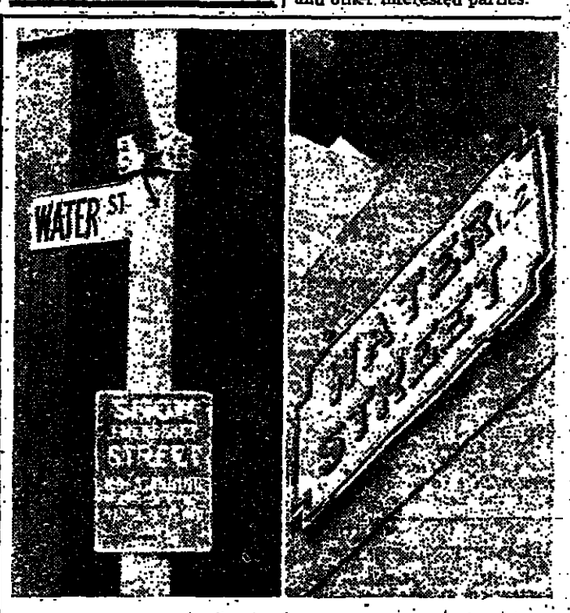
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HOME NEWS

Mobility allowance to go to victims of Down's syndrome

By Craig Seton

New regulations governing eligibility for mobility allowance are to be introduced to clarify the position of sufferers of certain kinds of handicap, many of whom have failed in their applications for the allowance. People suffering from Down's syndrome, a mental handicap, who are unable or virtually unable to walk will qualify.

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in a parliamentary written reply yesterday that he had decided to make new regulation to avoid doubt and to achieve consistency and equity in awards.

His decision comes in the wake of the case of Robert Edmunds, a Worcester boy with Down's syndrome, who was awarded mobility allowance only to find that the Department of Health and Social Security was appealing against the decision on the ground that his inability to walk was not due to physical disablement.

The department lost the appeal and it became clear that it would have to clarify the conditions for eligibility.

Mr Ennals said that he wanted to ensure that people who had a physical condition that led to a mental handicap and as a consequence were unable or virtually unable to walk, received mobility allowance. That would include Down's syndrome sufferers who were unable or virtually unable to walk, but not those unable to walk by reason of mental disablement alone.

Although Down's syndrome is considered a mental handicap, its physical cause, a chromosomal disorder, brings it within the scope of the department's proposed new regulations, which will be laid before the Commons shortly.

The clarification means that parents of many handicapped children, certainly those with Down's syndrome, who failed in their previous applications for the allowance stand a much better chance if they apply again.

Mr Ennals made clear yesterday that cases that had been disallowed would be scrutinized to see if they are eligible.

The case of Robert Edmunds, disclosed in *The Times*, was vigorously taken up by Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, who campaigned for more than a year for the boy's right to the allowance. It was eventually granted and backdated 15 months to the date of the first application.

Government wins Ulster PR division by 91

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Government, winning an important Commons vote for a change, ensured last night that the people of Ulster, alone in the United Kingdom, shall elect their three members of the European Assembly by a method of proportional representation (PR).

An amendment by the Ulster Unionists to delete from the elections Bill the PR system known as the single transferable vote was defeated by a vote of 241 to 150, a majority of 91, mustered by a heavy turn out of government ministers and their juniors. The intent of the transferable-vote requirement, although it cannot be guaranteed, is that a Roman Catholic shall be elected to one of the three seats.

The Ulster Unionists, complaining that they were being discriminated against, gained considerable Conservative support. But with only two thirds of the Commons in attendance, the government muster, with Liberals and nationalists in support, was much more impressive.

Ministers had left no doubt that they viewed the move against the transferable vote as threatening serious harm to the present delicate political situation in Northern Ireland.

Earlier, at question time, the Prime Minister had complained that the Conservatives seemed desirous of ending what he called a national approach towards Ulster.

He had been asked to comment on Wednesday's suggestion by Mr Airey Neave, opposition spokesman on Ulster, that power-sharing was no longer "practical politics". Mr Gerard Fitt, Social Democratic and Labour Party MP for Belfast, West, asked whether the Government was still committed to a just political institution which embraced all the people of Ulster.

Mr Callaghan sounded very positive. What was important in any future arrangements in Ulster was that "all communities should have the feeling of fully sharing in that administration or government, otherwise we shall be back to the situation before 1970", he said.

In the short, guillotined debate on the transferable vote system Mr Rees, Home Secretary, disclosed that he had once considered—before discarding the idea within 24 hours—dividing Ulster into "cantons". The idea had been that an area might be found in which the minority community could take the lead. He had not adopted the idea because it would have meant dividing up Northern Ireland.

He hinted that the Speakers' conference on Northern Ireland might produce more minority representation.

The Tories, who had reintroduced the transferable vote into Ulster in 1973, if only to ensure Roman Catholic representation in local authorities, now argued differently.

Mr Douglas Hurd, opposition spokesman on Europe, insisted that the comparison was not valid. It would be unwise to hold an election on the same day throughout the United Kingdom with a different voting system in Ulster.

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Rural rates may rise above predicted figure

By Christopher Warman and Pat Healy

The Greater London Council said yesterday that its rate is unlikely to change next year, but Kent County Council has before it a recommendation for an increase of 13.6 per cent.

That illustrates the fact that although the average rate increase in 1978-79 should be in line with the Government's forecast of single-figure percentages, many ratepayers, especially in rural aeas, will face increases of well over that.

The GLC's rate is to remain unchanged at 17p in the pound for the third year in succession. Mr Richard Brew, leader of the policy and resources committee, confirmed yesterday that that will be his recommendation to the council when he proposes his budget later this month.

Other rate decisions include:

Kent: The county council's policy and resources committee has decided to recommend an increase of 8p on the present 69p precept (rounded figures).

The effect of the decision is that even if the district councils in the county keep their rate increases to 9 per cent, within the Government's guidelines, householders will face a rate increase of 16.7 per cent.

Lancashire: The county council's finance subcommittee said yesterday that it was proposing a rise in its precept for next year from 56p to 63p in the pound, a rise of 81 per cent.

Cheshire: A ratepayer has asked Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, to intervene over the county council's proposal to increase the county rate by 14 per cent.

The ratepayer wants the minister to ensure that the Government's guideline is adhered to.

Hopes of an early end to the confusion surrounding rating relief for disabled people will be raised today when a private member's Bill is due for second reading. It is low in the list, but has Government and all-party support.

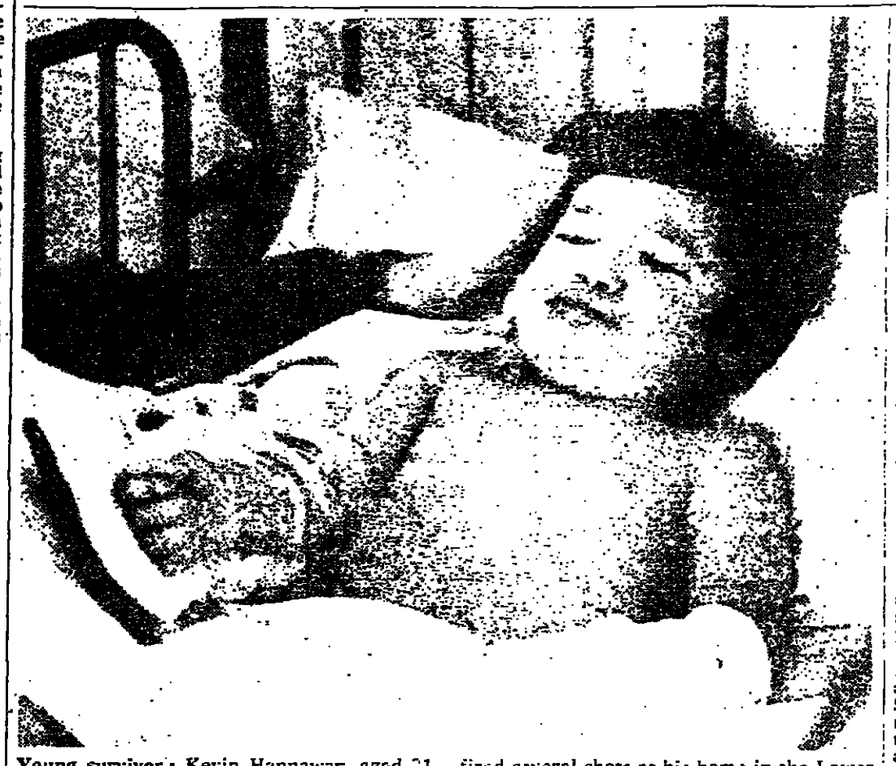
The measure, introduced by Mr Robert Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen, North, is similar to one promised last year by the Government for which it has been unable to find time.

Mr Hughes's Bill would give some rating relief to all disabled people whose homes have had necessary structural adaptations. At present some disabled people pay more rates because the adaptations may increase the value of their homes.

Rating relief is already available for many adaptations, but the illegal position has been confused since 1971 when several actions were started by Mr Neville Vandyk, who is severely disabled and wanted to have his entire flat exempted from rates.

A valuation court decided that only two rooms should be exempt, but the Court of Appeal upheld a later decision by the Land Tribunal that the entire flat should be removed from the valuation lists. The House of Lords reversed that decision.

Mr Hughes's Bill would clarify the tangled legal position and change the present system by giving rating relief to the disabled person, instead of reducing the ratable value of the property.



Young survivor: Kevin Hannaway, aged 21 months, whose condition improved yesterday after two bullets had been removed from his body. He was injured when a man fired several shots at his home in the Lower Falls district of Belfast on Wednesday night. His father is Mr Kevin Hannaway, a leading Sinn Fein member.

'Pencourt' men stand by account

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Barrie Penrose and Mr Roger Courtiour say in the *Daily Mirror* today that they can prove their account of meetings with Sir Harold Wilson contained in their book, *The Pencourt File*.

Their article replies to Sir Harold's lengthy interview in *The Times* yesterday in which he gave his version of meetings with the two authors and denied certain allegations in their book, which is being serialized in the *Daily Mirror*.

Before it decided to publish the extracts, they say, they had to satisfy the editor and senior staff that what they reported had been said.

"We were able to do this because we have extensive notes and tape recordings of discussions we held with the principals involved", they say.

They had meetings with Sir Harold until, on his lawyers' advice, he decided against it. Sir Harold, they write, directed them to Lady Falkender and they had met her on more than a dozen occasions. Some conversations had lasted 15 hours or more the authors say and they had a verbatim record of most of them.

They say they have spent more than 18 months, ever since their first meeting with Sir Harold, researching their book.

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Profitee garages warned petrol ba

By Donald Macintyr
Labour Reporter

The Transport a Workers' Union sai that garages that in prices during t drivers' overtime have their supplies

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Muddles in projects to create jobs

By a Staff Reporter

Financial muddles, irregularities, and doubtful practices were discovered in projects being carried out by the Government's job creation programme, Sir Douglas Henley, the Comptroller and Auditor General, says in his report in the Government's Appropriation Accounts, published yesterday.

As a result, the Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission, which operates the programme, tightened procedures and a marked improvement followed in the submission of statements of expenditure from non-local authority project sponsors, mainly voluntary and charitable organizations.

Sir Douglas says that the commission commented adversely on 54 of 190 non-local authority projects inspected.

Two were reported to be in financial difficulty and 18 in a financial muddle, and others showed financial irregularities or doubtful practices.

Significant delays were noticed in the submission of statements of expenditure by sponsors. By July 31 last year accounts had not been rendered for £1.23m advanced to non-local authority sponsors for expenditure up to March 31, 1977.

In spite of the tightening that followed there are still delays in submissions of final audited claims by local authorities, the report says. Area organizers have been instructed to give priority to following up cases in which audited accounts of both local authority and other sponsors are outstanding. Matters will be kept under continuous review by the central unit.

The job creation programme was launched in 1975 as a temporary measure to alleviate unemployment. The Government progressively increased funds from an initial £30m to £166m in June last year.

By last March nearly 7,300 projects costing about £100m and providing about 71,732 jobs had been approved.

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Nationalist denounces Tory tactics

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Scottish nationalists last night condemned as "wrecking tactics" the moves being made by the Conservatives to amend the Scotland Bill at the report stage, expected in the Commons in two weeks' time.

The first batch of amendments for the report stage, published yesterday, included one from Mr Francis Pym and other Conservative frontbenchers, proposing that when finance is allocated to the Scottish assembly the Government should ensure that "the resources per capita available for expenditure by the Scottish executive for purposes falling within devolved matters shall be not less than the resources per capita provided for that year for the same purposes in England and Wales".

Other opposition amendments provide for a reference to the Privy Council of Bills that appear incompatible with EEC commitments or any other United Kingdom international obligations, and would lay down standing orders for the Scottish assembly about the procedure to be followed in passing legislation.

Mr Douglas Henderson, Scottish National MP for Aberdeenshire, East, commented: "If the Tories are going to insert controls on expenditure for devolved matters, we shall propose amendments covering expenditure on non-devolved matters, including defence, where Scotland gets very much less than its proportionate share."

He added: "This is a foretaste of the wrecking tactics that will be followed by the Conservatives in the House of Lords."

Leeds supporters 'tried to change result'

An invasion of the Elland Road football pitch by Leeds United supporters was "quite clearly a deliberate attempt to reverse a decision in a match which they did not like". Mr John Thompson, for the prosecution, said at Leeds Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The invasion happened just before the end of a third round FA Cup tie when Leeds were losing 2—0 to Manchester City. Mr Thompson said: "Entirely because of Leeds United fans, when they realized they were losing, there was an invasion from the Kop, led by a cheer leader, and play was abandoned for about a quarter of an hour."

Twenty-five supporters were facing charges of using threatening behaviour inside the football ground on the afternoon of January 7.

Mr Thompson named the "cheer leader" as Michael James, aged 17, a labourer, of Roseworth, near Stockton-on-Tees. James pleaded guilty to using threatening behaviour and was remanded on bail for sentence until February 23.

Sixteen defendants were fined a total of £1,250 and bound over to be of good behaviour for two years. In addition, one defendant was fined £25 for a breach of a conditional discharge and another £10 for a breach of a binding-over order.

The magistrates issued warrants for the arrests of two youths who failed to appear and 11 other cases were adjourned until later dates.

EEC butter 'flood' will hold prices

By Hugh Clayton

Butter prices might not rise until the autumn even though three EEC price rises were due to take effect in the next four months, Mr Steven Roberts, chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, said yesterday.

That was because suppliers in other EEC countries were ready to flood the British market with cheap imports subsidized at Community expense. The three rises rises from a devaluation of the "green pound" delayed from last year, another one due in the spring, and the end of the transitional period of British membership of the Community.

Mr Roberts said that the Irish Republic produced far more butter than it could consume and that three quarters of its output came to Britain. When the green pound is devalued in May the subsidies enjoyed by Irish and other suppliers to Britain will be cut.

Most egg prices will be cut by 4p a dozen next week, Goldenlay, the largest egg marketing group in Britain, said yesterday.

Further aid proposed fo flood-damaged farms

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Ministers want parliamentary approval for aid to cover up to half the cost of restoring farmland damaged by floods in mid-January. The proposed aid falls short of that sought by owners of the 9,000 affected acres in Kent, East Anglia and Lincolnshire. The Government will not offer compensation for the thousands of sheep drowned in Kent.

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said grants would depend on aproval after soil tests.

Mr Silkin said grant aid was available under existing schemes for replacing buildings and drainage systems, and farmers could claim tax relief for trading losses. The Agricultural Credit Corporation was prepared to give "urgent and sympathetic consideration" by guaranteeing bank loans to farmers who wanted to replace machinery. The Government would not offer int loans.

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He intends to offe approved projects for land that take up to th NFU response: The Farmers' Union said that, although a 50 grant would be of h farmers would have in raising the rest (Association reports).

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Help wanted for disused churches

The General Synod of the Church of England voted yesterday to spend £2.9m on redundant churches during the next five years and to call on the Government to pay half the cost instead of two-fifths as at present.

Dame Betty Ridley, Third Church Estates Commissioner, told the synod that the fund maintains 150 churches and expects to have to cope with 90 more in the next five years.

Two on drug charges

The Rev Richard Mayes, aged 29, former curate of St Mary's Prittlewell, Southend, Essex, and Brian Torr, aged 19, a civil servant, were remanded on bail until March 2 by Southend magistrates yesterday on drug charges.

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George Davis says he had no part in whisky robbery

George Davis said at Chelmsford Crown Court, Essex, yesterday that he had no part in a £47,000 whisky robbery five years ago. Mr Davis, aged 36, accused with five other men, has pleaded not guilty to stealing 1,163 cases of whisky and other goods from an east London lorry park. "I was most probably at home that night", he told the jury.

Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, for the defence, said Mr Davis was sentenced to 20 years' jail in 1975 for a London Electricity Board robbery at Ilford. In May, 1976, he was released after a campaign proclaiming his innocence.

Although the sentence had been remitted he had not been given a royal pardon. Mr Davis said: "I have petitioned the Home Office in the last two months to have the conviction referred back to the Court of Appeal."

Mr Davis, unemployed, of Belton Way, Bow, east London, said he first heard of the whisky robbery in Marsh Gate Lane, Stratford, when he was arrested last July.

Five other men before the court are all charged on alternative counts of robbery and theft. All deny robbery and all except one deny theft.

The trial continues today.

Tax officials act to boost home workers' pay

Work on tax collecting arrangements for the next financial year is being delayed by members of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation in a move to secure pay improvements for home workers employed by Stationery Office subcontractors.

The federation, which has nearly 64,000 members, intends to refuse to handle 1978-79 return forms until it is satisfied that the workers who put tax change slips into Inland Revenue returns get fair rates.

The matter came to light when Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, asked Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, to investigate allegations that they were paid only 25p for dealing with a box of 600 forms. That worked out at a rate of between 12½p and 25p an hour, Mr Ashley said.

Plea changed to guilty in LSD case

David Todd, aged 24, the defendant in an LSD trial at Bristol Crown Court, changed his plea yesterday to guilty. Two women have also changed their pleas to guilty.

Mr Justice Park directed the jury to return a formal verdict of guilty on the charge of conspiring with others to supply LSD and told Mr Todd that he would remand him in custody and deal with him with others who had pleaded guilty at the end of a series of LSD trials.

Mr Todd said in cross-examination that although he had bought 14 bottles of calcium lactate (used in the manufacture of LSD) in chemist's shops in Glasgow, Carlisle and Penrith he had no idea what it was for. He had been asked to get it by a man who said the pills were for Sherpas in Nepal.

His change of plea came after an afternoon session under cross-examination by Mr Ian Kennedy, QC, for the prosecution, who described the "Sherpas" explanation as a cock and bull story.

The trial continues of Martin Annable, aged 29, a teacher, of Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, London, who has pleaded not guilty to conspiring to supply LSD.

Mr Annable said he was a messenger between two men who knew what they were doing and were using him. If he had known he was involved in an LSD ring he would have been horrified.

The trial continues today.

University given £800,000 for cancer research

Edinburgh University has been given £800,000 by the Imperial Cancer Research Fund to set up a professional unit to study cancer.

The grant, the largest the fund has made, will be used to set up a unit to concentrate on medical care and drug and chemical treatment of cancer patients.

It will be based at the Western General Hospital, with outpatient facilities at the Royal Infirmary.

'Ugly Sister' fined £50

An end-of-season incident at an Isle of Wight holiday camp pantomime led to the island magistrates' court yesterday, when one of the Ugly Sisters was accused of causing bodily harm to the camp's entertainment manager, who was the other Ugly Sister.

John Upton, aged 36, of Bourn, Cambridgeshire, was fined £50 for causing bodily harm to Michael Laughton, aged 32, of Land Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Man mutilated corpse and stole black magic book

An account of black magic rituals and the desecration of a grave was given to magistrates at Bude, Cornwall, yesterday.

The court was told of the police discovery of a skull and leg removed from a long-buried corpse; numerous grave stones damaged and crosses mysteriously moved; blood-stains on an altar cloth; and a huge cache of black magic books in a young man's bedroom.

Trevelyan Frederick Bolitho, aged 18, unemployed, of Downs View, Bude, pleaded guilty to unlawfully removing parts of the body of a man buried in a coffin at St Michael's churchyard, Bude. He also admitted three offences of burglary, stealing Aleister Crowley's book *Magical Records of the Beast*, from the town library, and two offences at St Michael's Church.

On one occasion he was said to have taken a purification cloth and on another, the night of the grave desecration, he stole a candle, china dish and tin of charcoal. He also asked for six other offences to be considered.

Mrs Sheila Corser, chairman, said they considered the youth's behaviour so disturbing that they would not sentence him until February 16 after seeking medical reports.

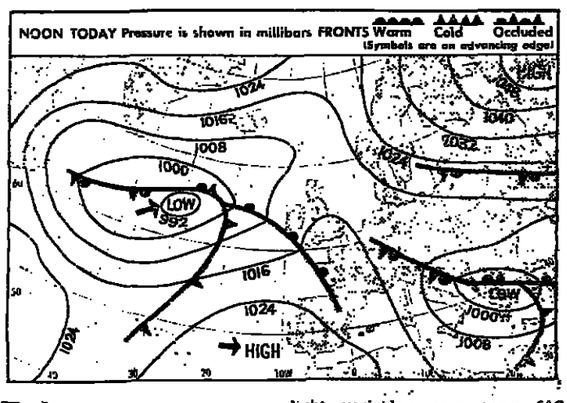
Mr John Evans, for the prosecution, said that in the summer of last year, the present vicar, the Rev David Wills, went to the church to conduct a funeral service of the woman whose late husband was the subject of the desecration charge. He discovered two leaded windows had been broken. The candle, dish and tin were gone.

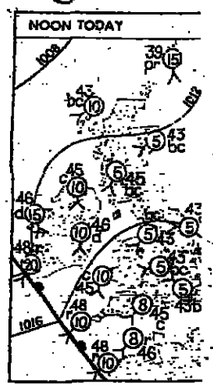
A detective found a human leg in woods near by. Dr Frederick Hocking, a pathologist, found after a Home Office exhumation order had been granted, that the coffin was broken and splintered. The skull was missing and so was a leg, obviously hacked off with a knife.

Mr Evans said that when asked about damage to gravestones, Mr Bolitho said "When I have these bad feelings I have to walk in a straight line and anything that is in my path I kick and move if possible."

The police found the skull in his bedroom, with 50 black magic books. He told the police how, "in a mood", he riped off the skull in the coffin, went into the church for a candle so he could see better, and chopped off the leg with a sheath knife.

Weather forecast and recordings





b—blue sky; bc—half cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; th—thunderstorm; s—showers periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.36 am Sun sets: 4.53 pm
Moon rises: 3.29 am Moon sets: 12.37 pm
NEW MOON: February 7.

Lighting up: 5.23 pm to 7.5 am.

High water: London Bridge, 8.58 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 9.48 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft). Avonmouth, 1.56 am, 10.0m (32.7ft); 2.41 pm, 10.3m (33.6ft). Dover, 6.19 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 7.9 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Hull, 1.6 am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 1.58 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Liverpool, 6.39 am, 7.8m (25.6ft); 7.16 pm, 7.9m (25.8ft).

A ridge of high pressure will slowly give way as a trough approaches W districts.

Forecasts for 5 am to midnight:

London, Central S, Central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: Mainly dry, sunny intervals, becoming cloudy later; wind mainly SW, light or moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

SE, E, NE England, East Anglia: Becoming mainly dry, sunny intervals developing; wind light variable; max temp 6°C (43°F).

SW England, S Wales: Rather cloudy, occasional rain; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Frost early, sunny intervals, cloudy with rain later, snow on highest ground; wind SW, moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Frost early, mainly dry, sunny spells; wind SW, moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Central Highlands, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetlands: Frost early, sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers dying out; wind W backing SW, moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F).

N Ireland: Becoming cloudy with rain; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Outlook for the weekend: Rather cloudy, rain at times, snow on N hills, becoming brighter and mainly dry with night frost; temp near or just below normal.

Sea passages: S North Wind N, moderate or fre ing W; sea moderate.

Straits of Dover: Wi moderate, gradually ba SW; sea moderate.

English Channel (E): moderate, backing SW moderate.

St George's Channel, Ir Wind W, moderate, backing to S or SW, fr slight becoming moderate

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 6 pm, 7°C, 45°F; min, 6 am, 7°C, 45°F. Humidity 89 per cent. Rain, 24 hr t 0.30ins Sun, 24 hr to 6 Bare mean sea level, 6 pm millibars, rising 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow.

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Amsterdm	c	7	45	Dublin	s	6	43
Athens	s	15	59	Edinburgh	r	7	45
Barcelona	c	15	59	Florence	s	9	48
Beirut	c	16	61	Funchal	s	16	61
Berlin	c	3	37	Geneva	sl	0	32
Biarritz	c	10	50	Gibraltar	s	17	63
Birmingham	r	8	46	Guernsey	s	8	46
Bristol	c	7	45	Helsinki	sn	-3	27
Brussels	c	3	37	Innsbruck	f	1	34
Budapest	c	3	37	Istanbul	c	11	52
Cardiff	c	6	43	Jersey	r	8	46
L Palmas	f	19	66	N York	c	-2	27
L'pool	c	14	57	Nice	s	15	59
Locarno	f	2	36	Oslo	sn	-1	30
London	r	9	48	Paris	c	7	45
Luxembrg	r	3	37	Reykjavik	s	-1	30
Madrid	c	12	54	Rome	c	12	54
Majorca	c	13	55	Rotterdm	c	7	45
Malaga	s	18	64	Stockholm	sn	0	32
Malta	s	15	59	Toronto	sn	-2	28
Manchstr	r	6	43	Venice	c	3	37
Moscow	s	-11	12	Vienna	c	0	32
Munich	sl	0	32	Warsaw	r	-1	30
Naples	c	10	50	Zurich	r	0	32

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 2.55; France, Germany, Dm 0.90; Greece, Holland, Dfl 0.80; Hongkong, S Dr; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, Lf 25; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Malta, Norway, Kr 3.50; Portugal, Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, Kr 3.50; Switzerland, Sfr 0.80; USA $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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Pr mbudsman proposes ore direct line access from public

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more direct public line of s to the Parliamentary nissioner for Administra- the Ombudsman) is one of al changes in procedures sted today by Sir Idwal in his annual report for

report, which covers Sir s first full year of office he took over from Sir Marre as well as marking nth anniversary of the Act g up the Ombudsman, into account the critique institution published last by Justice, the inter- al rights organization. It ses particularly what Sir describes as the "con- g criticism" that both its s and its jurisdiction are stricted.

ong the suggestions for e put forward is a review ose areas of complaint which the Ombudsman is nted by the 1967 Act from igating. The two most tant of those, Sir Idwal clear yesterday, are gov- nt commercial and con- al matters and issues in- g staff in the public ser-

area of government con- ties in with the collapse pper Clyde Shipbuilders. Sir Idwal and his prede- have had to reject com- s of maladministration st the Department of In- made by the official er on behalf of creditors.

Idwal recommends that view should be performed he Parliamentary Select ittee on the Ombudsman, has recommended several that public service staff should be included in his Other categories of com- excluded are the national- industries and the Post

also suggests a revision of erm "maladministration" emove public confusion the Ombudsman's func- He comments, however, the change would make difference in practice, as mbudsman already investi- cases where the complaint unjust, unreasonable or ssive actions.

Idwal proposes that direct laints from the public, d of being returned to as present procedure re- s, should be forwarded to MPs with a note that the dsman is prepared to start vestigation.

Last year 901 complaints were received from MPs and 868 inquiries from the public. All the latter has to be returned. Sir Idwal says that subject to the agreement of the select committee the change could be accomplished within existing legislation.

"I believe that this would help to save people some trouble and lessen the risk of confusion about my ability to help them", he adds. "It would help remove a practical difficulty which I think has some inhibiting effect on the way members of the public make use of this office."

Although direct access to a single Ombudsman in a country with more than 50 million inhabitants might cause enormous difficulties, he comments, he receives fewer complaints than many Ombudsmen in countries with smaller populations.

Sir Idwal also refers to the campaign mounted to publicize the Ombudsman by the Central Office of Information and emphasizes the value of his link with Parliament. It is a merit of the system that decisions by government departments are often reviewed in the light of an Ombudsman reference, sometimes even where no investigation has taken place, he says.

Two recurring themes of complaints, involving social security legislation and the Inland Revenue's policy of charging interest on overdue taxes, are noted in the report. A review of tax-interest policy is taking place, Sir Odwal discloses, but he adds that he has had to accept that the Inland Revenue has acted within the law when it has refused to remit charges.

On social security, he comments that as long as legislation continues to set up such complicated networks "there will continue to be a stream of people with grievances".

Last year more cases, 350 out of 901, were accepted by Sir Idwal for investigation than in either of the previous two years. Maladministration was found in 57 per cent of cases, compared with 43 per cent in 1976 and 37 per cent in 1975. Most complaints were against the Department of Health and Social Security, followed by the Inland Revenue and the Department of Transport.

Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Second Report for Session 1977-78, Annual Report for 1977. (Stationery Office, 70p.)

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Irish drive against broadcast 'pirates'

From Christopher Walker
Dublin

The Fianna Fail Government has become embroiled in a potentially damaging dispute with pirate radio operators similar to that faced by the British authorities in the late 1960s.

Radio listeners in Dublin have two regular alternatives to the often ponderous output of Radio Telefis Eireann, the state broadcasting organization, whose staff are in frequent conflict with the Government over alleged interference in programming. Three other pirate stations make intermittent broadcasts, and an illegal Gaelic-language station is planned by an organization with republican sympathies.

During the past two weeks police raids have been launched against the two main offenders, Radio Dublin and its brasher competitor, Alternative Radio Dublin. Although equipment valued at £10,000 was seized, neither station was prevented for more than a few hours from transmitting its lucrative diet of pop music and advertisements.

There have been growing indications of the pirates' popularity, including a large street demonstration. Mr John Kelly, Attorney General in the former coalition government, has challenged the constitutional validity of RTE's monopoly, and the owners of both Dublin pirate stations plan to test in the courts the Government's refusal to grant them licences.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs has given several reasons for its determination to prohibit the pirate broadcasters. They range from the Irish Republic's international obligations to an allegation that the programmes are interfering with emergency services, and even cutting into private telephone conversations.

The Government's campaign has been blunted by a loophole *in the Wireless Telegraphy Act*, 1926, the only piece of legislation available to the police.

During a prosecution last year, the court ruled that because seized equipment could be used for amplification as well as transmitting there was reasonable doubt whether it was illegal. No attempt has yet been made by the Cabinet to block the loophole, but action is threatened in the next few months.

Scottish authorities to study effectiveness of services in aftermath of Highland blizzards

From Ronald Faux
Inverness

How the blizzard that swept the north of Scotland last weekend came to cause such widespread and severe dislocation is to be investigated by the police, local authorities, and military, who are coordinating the rescue operation. Four people died, communications were wrecked, hundreds of motorists stranded and many villages isolated as a result of the snowstorm.

The investigation will consider how to improve the warning system and what measures could be taken to prevent motorists from being stranded at such notoriously vulnerable points as the Slochd summit on the A9 south of Inverness, from where some 59 travellers were rescued by air and at the Ord of Caithness, north of the city where the same road disappeared into a snowdrift 20ft deep and almost two miles long.

Supt Ian Lovett, of the Northern Constabulary said yesterday that ways of improving procedures would be studied but he believed the system was working well in spite of enormous pressure. The incident log on his desk had grown into a thick volume, detailing the hundreds of helicopter flights by royal service aircraft on rescue missions and patrols of the Highland areas swept by the snowstorm.

The priority has turned to providing feed for sheep and cattle stranded and starving in the northern hills and to reconnecting isolated communities with the outside world.

The blizzard arrived without warning. A photograph taken from a weather satellite showed an intense depression centred on the north of Scotland and sending a curving trail of storm clouds out into the southern tip of Norway and over the North Sea into Germany and France.

The meteorologists were alerted, but no one could say how long the depression would remain in one place, or what its precise effects would be. The wind strengthened, the temperature dropped, and the heavy rain of Saturday morning turned to snow. Soon afterwards the Highlands were struck by the severest weather in living memory.

The first alarm call received by the Northern Constabulary was at 7 pm on Saturday, when a bus with a sick woman on board became stuck in snow at Slochd. A helicopter was called in. After that there were many calls to police headquarters, and an emergency centre was set up to decide priorities. Helicopters flew in to help from as far away as Hampshire.

In the aftermath of the storm, many stories, tragic-heroic and hilarious, have emerged. Mr William Sutherland's drive down the A9 into a deep snowdrift and his survival for nearly eighty hours entombed in the snow will be long remembered. So will the couple who were composing their last will and testament after sitting for 30 hours in their buried car and who were *rescued by a punk rock group.*

The wedding party trapped in an hotel south of Inverness since last Saturday expect to be freed today after the longest nuptials anyone there can remember.

The rescue operation will continue for some days yet. Yesterday I flew in an RAF helicopter to villages in north-west Scotland still cut off and without electric power. The trial of the blizzard was still clear, with telegraph poles strewn *around the moors like match-sticks*, and power lines drooping forlornly to the ground.

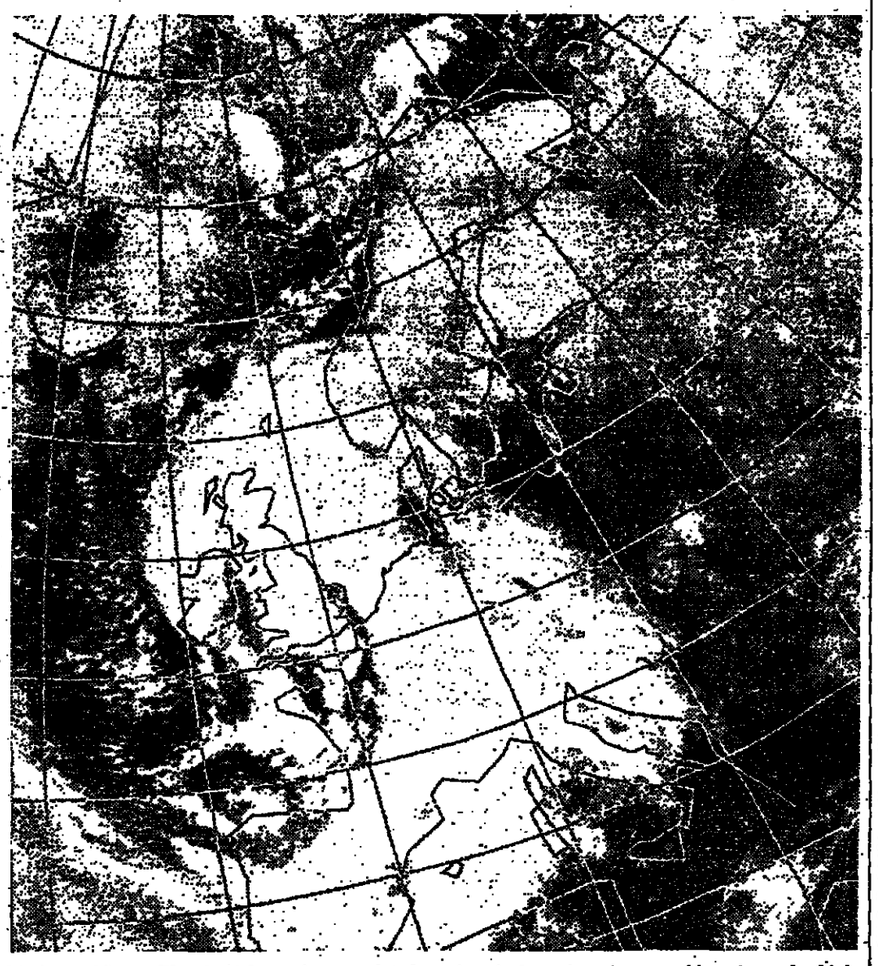
At Lochmore, a few miles south of Cape Wrath, villagers greeted the aircraft cheerfully. There was nothing they were short of, we were told. Plenty of peat had been cut, there was a good supply of paraffin for lighting, but they would welcome more detailed news bulletins on the radio saying what progress the snow ploughs had made.

One woman told me: "The worst problem is the deep freeze. Without power, the contents soon start to defrost, and in a place like this we have to live from the deep freeze. I might lose over £150 of food unless the power comes back soon."

Some frozen food was being stored in a refrigerated lorry trapped by the blizzards, but *when it ran out of fuel, there* would be no electricity to operate the pumps at the local filling station.

The helicopter crew unloaded two generators for the local telephone exchange and left Lochmore with its small power crisis. After one quick halt at a frozen crossroads to pick up a girl of 15 months bound for *hospital*, we were airborne again, clattering over the snow-buried roads.

Highlanders are used to being cut off by winter but no one can remember one as bad as this. Perhaps the only people who have positively enjoyed the crisis are the children of Lochinver. When the power failed, the local grocer decided to empty his refrigerator before the contents started to melt. Free ice cream, even in the bitterest winter, tastes like none other.



Weather picture: The cloud formation associated with the intense depression that brought severe weather to Scotland is seen in this photograph transmitted by a National Aeronautics and Space Administration weather satellite at an altitude of 900 miles and received by Dundee University at 0859hrs on Saturday, January 28. Equipment developed in the university's department of electrical engineering provides the only high-resolution weather-satellite facsimile images available in Britain with an automatically superimposed and fully corrected geographical grid, which enables meteorologists to see the exact location of the clouds. Information gathered by the university is supplied to a commercial weather service for North Sea oil rigs.

Dirt in rail restaurant cars leads to £2,000 fines

British Transport Hotels, a subsidiary of British Rail, was fined £2,000 by Carlisle magistrates yesterday after admitting 20 charges relating to cleanliness of three restaurant cars. It was fined the maximum of £100 on each charge and ordered to pay £50 costs.

Mr Thomas Armstrong, chairman, said he was imposing the maximum fine because of the seriousness of the offences. "We think there was a very marked lack of supervision to allow things to get to this stage."

No evidence was offered on 38 other charges, and not guilty pleas entered by Mr Christopher Kemp for the company, were accepted and the magistrates found it not guilty on those charges.

The prosecution said the three train restaurant cars were examined by health inspectors at Carlisle station in August and September last year. Generally they were not clean, in particular, floors were greasy and dirty and some items of equipment, such as shelves, ovens, pans and a table, were not clean.

A hand basin for use by staff was full of miscellaneous debris, rubbish and broken glass. The only receptacle for rubbish was an absorbent paper sack.

Mr Kemp said the cars were more than 20 years old and had been extended beyond their *planned life. On two of the* cars inspected no meals were being served on the day they were examined. Only a buffet service was being provided. The company agreed that the complaints were justified but said the public had not complained.

He added: "Things can go wrong it for some reason staff do not carry out domestic and housekeeping type of cleaning. We recognize we have to set a high standard in this field. These instances are an example of a falling-off from that standard and BTH are taking steps to ensure that this does not recur.

"This is a matter of great concern to us because we want to give every assurance to the public that we are attending to these matters and we were already attending to them and had decided some time ago to take steps to deal with them."

He said there would be an intensification of the heavy and deep cleaning programmes carried out while cars were in sidings.

There would also be a continuation of replacement and refurbishment of cars and a reenforcement of staff supervision.

British Transport Hotels pleaded guilty to charges that included carrying on a food business in a restaurant car not kept clean, in good repair and condition, and not keeping kitchen utensils clean. It also admitted not having adequate soap, nail brushes, and clean towels.

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The Ninian field, operated by the Chevron group, is the third largest discovery in the North Sea. To reach the deep water site with such an immense object, a chain of radio beacons will be placed on several islands and existing oil rigs to form the basis of an electronic navigation grid.

The platform has a surveyor's cabin from which information is passed to a towmaster's cabin for instructing tugs which way to pull.

Provision of radio frequencies for all forms of communication from offshore installations round the British coast has proved difficult. For this operation transmissions on radio frequencies that are reserved for the Ministry of Defence, but not in use, will be permitted.

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Old suspicions revived as White Paper foresees Stansted's capacity quadrupling to four million

Anti-airport veterans sharpen their knives

From Alan Hamilton
Stansted

At 4 pm yesterday the spacious departure hall at Stansted airport, Essex, was occupied by only five people, none of whom was going farther than Saffron Walden. The only intrusive noise was a cry of dismay from the Essex countryside, accompanied by the rasp of sharpening knives.

This week's White Paper on future airport expansion has generated alarm in the Stansted area, populated by old warriors from the battle of the Roskill commission inquiry on the third London airport, and has drawn accusations that the Government is employing back-door tactics to make Stansted the third airport after all.

The White Paper proposes an expansion of Stansted's traffic to four million passengers a year by 1990.

Present facilities are designed to handle a million passengers annually, but no more than 300,000 a year use it.

After local residents won their fight against the Roskill commission's plans for expansion, the area has been fairly peaceful for some years. Many speak well of the airport, pointing out that the number of training flights, the most troublesome sort to those on the ground, have been reduced recently, although they still account for nearly half the annual total of 28,000 aircraft movements.

But now the campaigners are alert again, determined that all their past fights shall not have been in vain.

Mr George Askew, chairman of Uttlesford District Council, said: "We are still trying to make sense of the White Paper; we suspect that the figure of four million passengers by 1990 might be nearer 11 million.

"I think the population would accept a limit of four million; it would bring a measure of prosperity and employment. But they would certainly not tolerate any more."

Some of the objections raised at the time of Roskill are now invalid. There is no plan to scoop up hundreds of acres of farmland for building, although there is still a threat to the environment.

Mr John Lukies, chairman of the North West Essex and East Hertfordshire Preservation Association and an old campaigner from Roskill days, described the area as the most unspoilt stretch of rural land remaining within reach of London and one of the finest patches in the country for wheat and barley.

"There have been three public attempts to prove Stansted as the right place for major expansion and they have all failed", he said. "The greatest experts in the land have said it is not suitable.

Mr Lukies voiced deep concern at the open-ended nature of the White Paper's proposals beyond 1990. "But we are far too old birds to be caught by that sort of chaff. It is a ploy we have always been expecting."

His association, Mr Lukies said, was all in favour of an airport at Stansted to provide jobs, but on a sensible scale.

Mrs Pam Croome lives in the picture-postcard village of *Thaxted, in the shadow of its* splendid fourteenth-century church, one of the largest in Essex, and seven miles from the runway, directly in the flight path.

"I think a lot of us who campaigned at the time of Roskill will feel the steam has gone out of us now; after all, we are 10 years older. But it would be a great tragedy if all the good work done then was undone now. We should feel the great loss of one of the last unspoilt rural areas in the South-east."

She and many other residents are highly suspicious of the White Paper. They accept that air traffic will grow considerably towards the end of the century, but they fear that Stansted will become the expansion site.

Quick decision by Government urged

By Arthur Reed

With the time needed to develop a new airport varying from eight to 12 years, decisions to resolve aviation needs in the South-east in the late 1980s and 1990s should not be delayed, Mr Norman Payne, chairman of the British Airports Authority, said yesterday.

He was commenting on the White Paper on airport policy, published on Wednesday, which posed three possible solutions to the lack of airport capacity in the South-east after 1990. They were: a big expansion of Stansted; the development of a present military airfield; or the construction of a new airport.

The airports authority had no particular preference for any one of those types, Mr Payne said. But he pointed out that it would take eight years to develop Stansted, 10 to develop a military airfield, and 12 to build a new airport.

"I doubt whether any new airports will be built in the Western world", he added. The environmental forces are so powerful these days.

"But if these decision cannot be taken soon, it may mean that the United Kingdom, particularly London, will be ill equipped for air transport growth in the 1990s, and London might lose its leading position in international air transport."

The authority would prefer that, in selecting a further airport for the South-east, the Government would choose a site with long-term growth prospects. Stansted, which is to be enlarged to take four million passengers a year under the short-term plans outlined in the White Paper, would, Mr Payne said, expand to accept up to 12 million passengers a year within its present boundaries.

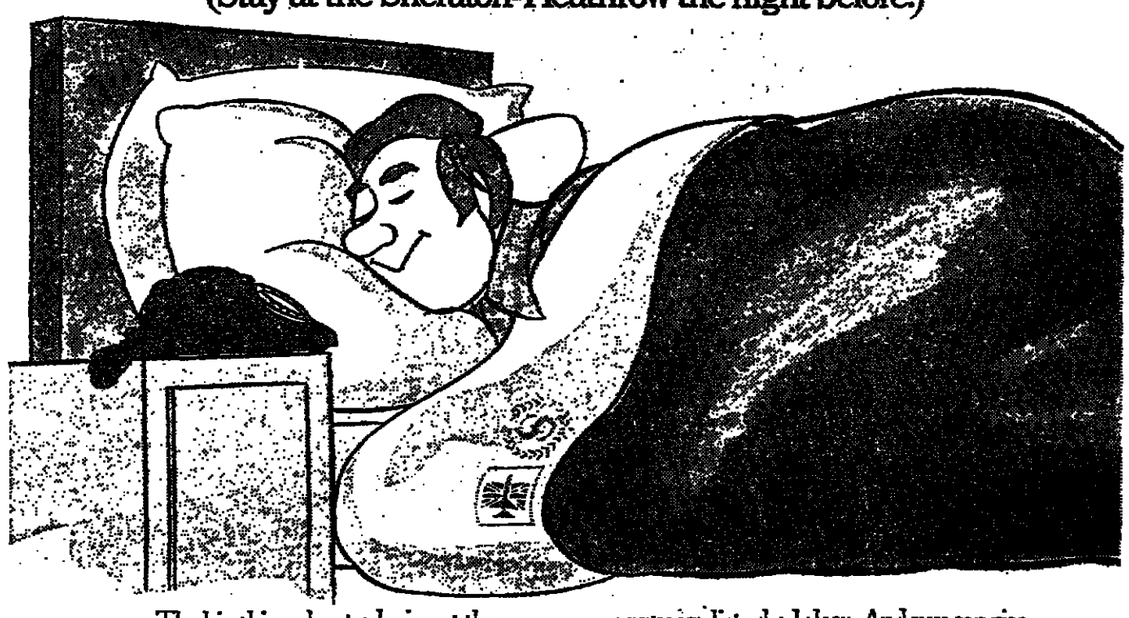
He suggested the establishment of a permanent policy advisory council to make recommendations to the Government on important airport developments. It would include representatives of local authorities, consumer organizations and, the airlines, among others.

British Caledonian Airways welcomed the White Paper and said the planned growth of Gatwick airport would have little adverse effect on the local community. The greatest growth would occur after the mid-1980s, when most of the present *fleets of airliners would have* been replaced with advanced-technology aircraft, which would be quieter and cleaner.

Scottish plans: The Civil Aviation Authority is to improve terminal facilities at Inverness and Kirkwall airfields and has appointed Sir Frederick Snow and Partners to work out cost and programme details (the Press Association reports).

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Government squeeze on council places in independent schools

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

At least a thousand bright children at state primary schools will not be able to go to independent secondary schools in the autumn as planned. The Government has refused to allow local authorities to pay the fees for those children on the ground that such arrangements would not be consistent with its policy for ending selection.

The Government took powers under the Education Act, 1976, to control arrangements made by local authorities in the independent sector. Last year 5,783 new places were taken up by authorities in independent and former direct-grant schools.

The total number of state-supported pupils in the independent sector is not known, but a survey of its members by the Independent Schools Information Service shows that local authorities last year were paying for 13,668 places in independent schools and 29,490 in former direct-grant schools, making a total of 43,158.

The total amount paid out by authorities in private school fees last year was about £35m, of which £25m was for pupils at former direct-grant schools, most of whom entered the schools while they were still part of the state sector. Their number and cost is therefore expected to fall progressively.

The Government is nevertheless anxious to reduce public spending on private schooling. Last July it sent out a circular to the 95 local education authorities in England telling them that from next September they would be authorized to give support to new pupils attending non-maintained schools only if they could show that there was an absolute shortage of places in maintained or denominational schools; or where pupils were assessed "on grounds unrelated to ability or aptitude" as being in need of boarding education; or, in the case of individual pupils, if they showed an exceptional gift for music, including singing or dancing.

Authorities were asked to submit their plans for the take-up of independent school places to the Secretary of State for approval. By January 10 about half (43) of the authorities had applied for a total of 4,490 new places, of which just over three thousand have received approval, nearly all on denominational grounds. Two thirds of those approved were for places in Roman Catholic schools.

A total of 959 places have been refused so far, leaving about 500 that are still being considered. Most of those authorities who have received refusals explained that the places were needed "to widen parental choice". The department has replied that in its view there are enough places in the state sector.

Three authorities have had their applications refused outright. They are Cambridgeshire and Harrow, both of whom had asked for 70, and Sutton, which asked for 37. Most authorities have had at least some of their places approved, however, including Cheshire, which asked for 695 and got 352; Lancashire, which asked for 383 and got 353; and Stockport, which asked for 258 and got 140.

Surrey, which has made a general application on the ground of special need, has not yet given up hope of getting approval for taking places in independent schools for those exceptionally gifted children who, it feels, cannot be adequately accommodated in the state sector.

Psephological dons

Michael Duckenfield talks to Professor Richard Rose in *The Times Higher Education Supplement* today in the first of a series of interviews with academic experts on voting behaviour. There are also a profile by Simon Midgley of the Polytechnic of North London, the most controversial of all the new polytechnics, and a light-hearted report on Dutch universities.

Woman gave young son paraquat 'as diversion'

From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh

A mother gave her son, aged seven, a teaspoonful of Paraquat, a weedkiller, in an attempt to divert her husband's attention from her extravagant spending and heavy debts, it was alleged at the High Court in Edinburgh yesterday.

Margaret Wyse, aged 26, pleaded guilty to giving her eldest son, David, the substance in their home at Knowehead Road, Crossford, Fife on October 15. Allegations that she had attempted to murder the boy were withdrawn by the Crown.

She also admitted making false statements to the police that her house had been broken into and £75 cash and a cheque book stolen and furniture and clothing maliciously damaged. She further admitted defrauding the Zurich Insurance Company by stating that her house had been broken into and receiving £182 compensation.

Sentence was deferred on Mrs Wyse after psychiatrists and Lord Stott, the judge, had failed to agree on how her case should be handled. She will appear in the High Court again next Thursday.

Mr Brian Gill, for the prosecution, told the court that in March last year Mrs Wyse pretended that her house had been broken into. She kept making excuses not to show her husband their joint bank statement.

When her husband eventually threatened to go to the bank to find out their true financial position she gave the child the weedkiller. He was taken to hospital and recovered. Mrs Wyse had debts of about £1,600, he added.

Mrs Wyse had told the police: "I suppose I shall get a straitjacket for this. I did not really intend to murder him . . . I love my boys very much. They are my life."

Man in the news: Mr Alan Evans, exponent of positive discrimination

'Jobs for blacks' plan meets abuse and praise

By Annabel Ferriman

A stream of abusive letters has been flowing into Camden Town Hall, north London, since the council's new policy of positive discrimination in favour of coloured people was publicized last week.

Most of them have been addressed to Mr Alan Evans, chairman of the council's staff and management services committee, who first put forward the new policy. The letters have suggested variously that he should resign, go back to Wales or enter a mental home.

One characteristic example was a pencilled note, signed NF, which said: "Dirty wog-lover. Creeper. You will get yours, watch out you know what will happen to you and your home."

The switchboard at the National Union of Teachers, where Mr Evans is head of the education department, was jammed all Friday afternoon, and the switchboard operators were subjected to crude sexual insults.

Mr Evans, aged 38, who is prospective parliamentary Labour candidate for Pembroke, was at first surprised and depressed; but he is now pleased that the issue is out in the open and feels strengthened by the support he has had.

He was particularly encouraged by some of the speeches in favour of Camden's policy at the Labour Party's local government conference at the weekend.

It is the first time he has been at the centre of such a controversy, although he sees similarities between his present campaign and the battle he fought against the raising of overseas student fees when he was vice-president of the National Union of Students in 1966. But the response then was much less strident, he says.

Mr Evans, the son of a Welsh steelworker, was elected vice-president of the NUS when he was reading economics at the London School of Economics. After a period teaching in Nottingham, he became personal assistant to Sir Ronald Gould, general secretary of the teacher's union, from where he rose to his present position as head of the education department.

It was as chairman of Camden's staff and management services committee, however, that he was catapulted into the public eye last week. That committee proposed a more positive policy of non-discrimination towards racial minorities and Mr evans spoke eloquently in favour of the policy at the last council meeting, when it was adopted.



Mr Evans: Wants issue in the open.

He was influenced by his experience as chairman of the council's appointments committee. That committee, which was responsible for all apointments at over £7,000 a year, had appointed only one member of a minority group to a senior post in two and a half years, he said.

Mr Evans has described the policy as one of positive discrimination in favour of blacks and minority groups but denies that it will discriminate against whites. Enlarging on the policy, he said the main thrust would be the removal of all the negative and inhibiting factors that had prevented members of minority groups from securing jobs.

"By our policies of advertising in minority-group newspapers, changing the wording of our advertisisements and changing our interviewing procedure, we want to tell the minority community that we do not discriminate, and encourage them to apply," he said.

"Secondly, we want to tell them that if they do secure a job with us, we shall actively support them with training and everything possible to get them up to a standard of proficiency which will enable them to have an equal opportunity of securing promotion."

Only in very limited circumstances would the council discriminate in favour of coloured applicants. That would be when two people of equal ability applied, when one was a member of a minority group and when the council was deficient in staff from that group.

The aim was to increase opportunities for minorities and to provide a better service for Camden's clients, many of whom were coloured and would be helped by having someone of their own language and culture to consult.

That was why the council was particularly keen to recruit members of minority groups as estate managers, librarians, interviewers and housing liaison officers, Mr Evans said.

He thought the policy was legal under section 38 of the Race Relations Act, 1976, which stated that employers could encourage members of a racial minority to take up employment with them.

"If the Act does not allow the full promotion of equal opportunities for minority groups, it must be challeneged in the courts or Parliament must provide an amendment to it", he said.

Mr Evans may be able to propose the amendment in Parliament. The Conservative majority in his adoptive constituency is only 772. A swing of half a per cent would make it his.

He packs his three jobs, as prospective parliamentary candidate, Camden councillor and union official, into an extremely ticht timetable. He meets Camden official sbetween 8 am and 9 am, at lunchtime and in the early evenings, attends committee meetings one or two evenings a week, and visits his constituenc two weekends in three.

He thinks that race is likely to be important at the next election and hopes that the Labour Party will not dodge the issue.

"We should be prepared to use our resources an imagination to promote this policy until there can be no doubt that every individual is afforded the dignity that stems from equal rights for all", he says.

Community officer tells of role in Front ban

By A Staff Reporter

Mr Eric Jay, community rel tions officer for the Londc Borough of Camden, confirme yesterday that he had take action to prevent the Nation Front from meeting in a publ house at Chalk Farm and sa he was pleased with the resul

It was to have taken place The Enterprise on Monda night. But Mr Jay approache Courage, the brewing compar concerned. It sent a distri manager to speak to the license who cancelled permission fc the meeting. A meeting of th Socialist Party of Great Brita was also cancelled.

Mr Edward Grant, an offici of the Socialist Party of Gre Britain, said yesterday that regarded freedom of speech being indivisible, and that th National Front had a right it like other parties. Althoug its meeting at The Enterpris had been banned, the Front ha held it elsewhere.

Mr Jay is not a Camde council official, although h committee for community rel tions receives a council gran He said his approach to Courag was in line with council polic which is to refuse to leas premises to organizations tha incite racial hatred.

"The National Front is th one party that openly advocate racial hatred. . . . It is reason able to put obstacles in the wa of their propagating thei views."

Courage denied that th licensee of The Enterprise ha been asked to cancel the Fron meeting. It said it left suc decisions to its licensees. It ha no general policy against Fron meetings as such.

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Labour challenge to Tory leader on race pledges

By Craig Seton

The Labour Party Race Relations Action Group has asked Mrs Thatcher to say which of the present commitments to immigrants she will "rat on".

The group, chaired by Mr Alex Lyon, MP, a former Home Office minister, said that almost all of the commitments were undertaken by Conservative governments and to withdraw them would be a breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, which the Conservatives were pledged to introduce in England as a Bill of Rights.

Mr Lyon said it was right that facts about immigration should be discussed, but the Conservative leader should have made sure of the facts before speaking on such a sensitive issue. The Prime Minister and Home Secretary were to be congratulated for standing firm against "such ill-informed bigotry".

Referring to Mrs Thatcher's comment that there were likely to be four million people of the New Commonwealth and Pakistan in Britain by the end of the century, Mr Lyon said the Franks committee prediction that the present population might double by the end of the century was likely to prove an exaggeration. He also pointed out that a third of new immigrants were white.

Britain becoming 'nation of spiritual dwarfs'

Britain had embraced many of the Nazi-style philosophies it once strongly opposed the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, Mgr Thomas Winning, said at Motherwell last night. It was becoming a nation of "spiritual dwarfs".

"We fought a war to defeat a totalitarian regime whose atrocities still shock us, but in the intervening time since the bells of victory rang out we have almost imperceptibly come to espouse not a few of the tenets of such a regime, but under pseudonyms", he said.

"True, we would defend with our lives the dignity of the human person and his basic freedoms, but what if we reach the stage of eliminating the unfit from the possibility of a life in our society?

"The Nazis sterilized those who were not able to contribute to pure healthy Aryan stock. Is the screening of the unborn to detect deformity, and eliminate it, merely a more refined, more euphemistic way of achieving the same end?

"We wage war against deprivation and want and disease, not by showing care and love to those who are their victims but by a subtle process of elimination before they become victims. We guard society against physical and mental deformity, but spiritual deformity is encouraged. We are becoming a nation of spiritual dwarfs."

'No overall plan for country transport'

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Government has no vast design of amalgamation for passengr transport services in country areas, Mr Horam, Under-Secretary of State for Transport, told the Commons standing committee considering the Transport Bill yesterday.

Small companies played a valuable role in operating country buses, and the small operator might be a better performer than a large organization he said.

He was defending the retention of a subsection of clause 1 of the Bill which, he said, gave county councils powers to persuade private operators to amalgamate or merge if that seemed sensible. A similar power under the Local Government Act, 1972; had been used only once, at Telford New Town, Salop, where local bus services were reorganized on a more sensible basis.

Mr Norman Fowler, opposition spokesman on transport, said some of the best local bus services had been provided by private operators who had stepped into the breach when the National Bus Company had abandoned services.

An opposition amendment to omit the subsection was defeated by nine votes to seven.

Number plate 'read at 7 yards'

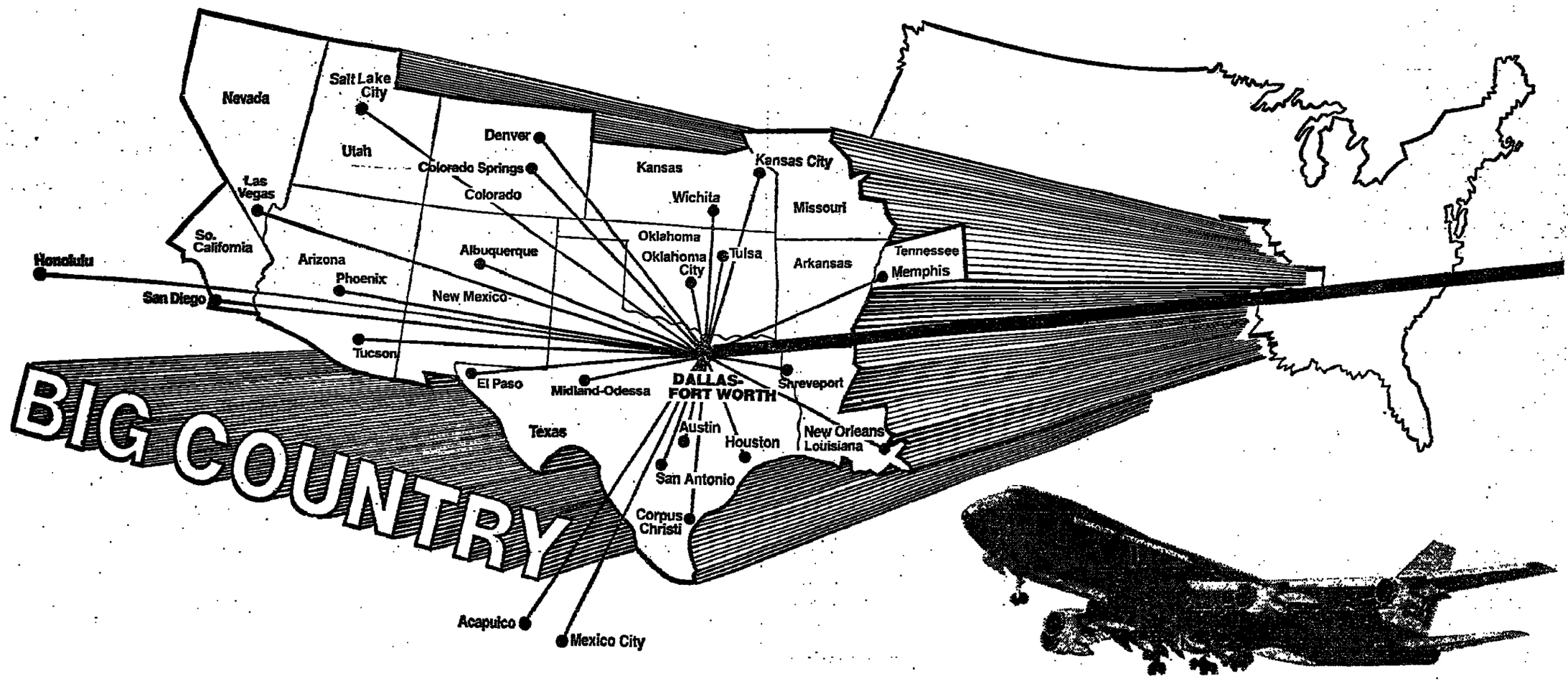
After Miss Margaretta Sch wartz, aged 67, of East Road Burnt Oak, London, was kille by a van driven by Josep Gargiulo, aged 57, of Croydo Road, Beddington, Surrey, o September 6, a police office asked him to read a car's inde plate, a police officer said a Hornsey Coroners Court, Lon don, yesterday.

"With his glasses he tried t read the number and did so a seven yards". Inspector Pete Hapson said. "We started hin off 25 yards away and he mad several attempts." Mr Gargiul might be prosecuted for dar gerous driving and making false declaration, he said. A verdict of accidental death wa recorded.

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erlinguer party sees Moscow's political paralysis' as helping urocommunists attain autonomy

n Peter Nichols
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mmunist sources here ve the Soviet leadership to n a state of "political im- ility and paralysis". This een as no bad thing in because it allows the munist parties of other tries a greater degree of nomy.

ich an evaluation gives ter substance to the com- ts made on Eurocom- ism last week by Signor co Berlinguer, the Italian munist Party leader, to his ral committee.

said very little about the et Union, except that the an party wished to be idly both with the United s and the Soviet Union.

added, however, that the list society he envisaged ld be constructed "along inal roads and in original, ocratic ways; different those followed in Russia other countries".

spite the fact that he was essing a rank and file un- about his flexible policies, or Berlinguer drove home point that Eurocommunism addressed as much to red- ng developments in the as the West.

The workers' movement of t Europe is also called on ive a possibly decisive con- ution not only to the pro- e throughout the world of ocracy and socialism, but to the qualitative renewal, he sense of a full demo- c development of existing list societies", he said.

The chances of success for a task of this kind are clearly slim if the Soviet Union is master in its own household. The communist view here, however, is that Moscow's malaise goes much deeper than President Brezhnev's ill health. The Russians themselves are seen no longer to believe in their system. They are not in an offensive phase: they are in a defensive position.

Despite censorship, East Europe is fully aware of the aims of Western communist parties. Communists here say they are surprised by this. Broadcasts from the West repeat what is published in *L'Unità*, the Italian party's official newpaper.

This penetration is effective because it combines with local problems in East Europe. The economic and social problems facing the Polish Government are one instance, and Mr Gierek, the Polish leader, is said privately to have expressed his agreement with the tenets of Eurocommunism.

It is not, thought here that East European countries can aspire in the foreseeable future to a plurality of political parties. However, the role of the Roman Catholic Church is offering a certain degree of plurality. It has a traditionally strong influence in Poland and is increasing its contribution in Hungary, now the most open of all the East European countries.

In Poland there is already cultural plurality: abstract art is as much in evidence as socialist realism and once there is cultural plurality it is difficult to hold back plurality in other fields.

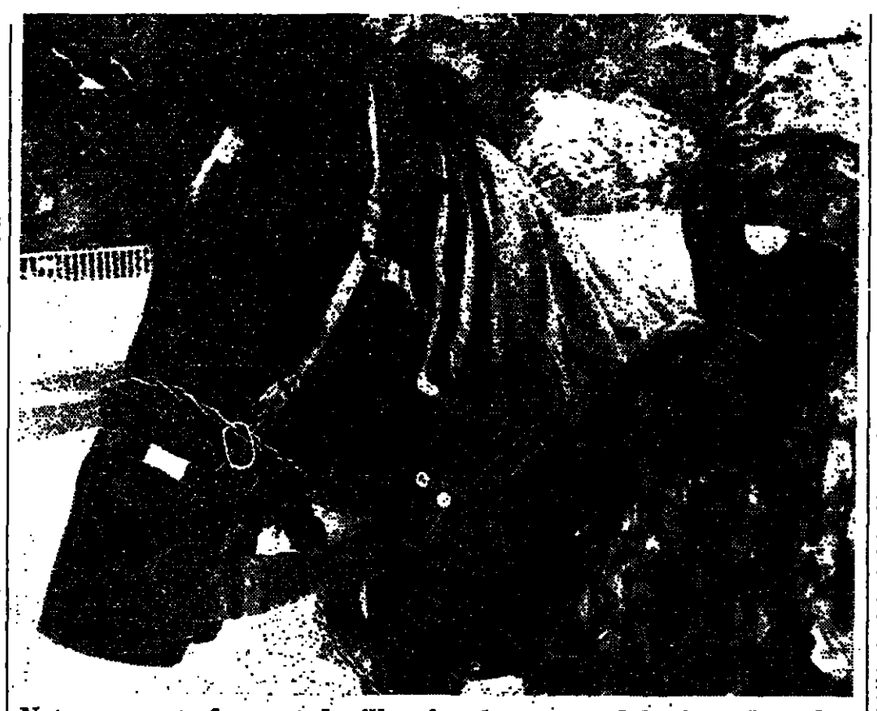
Little is known about the situation in Czechoslovakia but Communists here say a political clash appears to be shaping: after 10 years of complete greyness, there are signs of demands for political change.

Understandably, these sources maintain that the situation in East Europe would be favourably influenced by the entry of the communists into government in Italy.

These views come, obviously enough, from convinced Eurocommunists. They come at a time when the decisive moment is now approaching in which the Italian political scene will be marked by an increased communist influence—despite the recent Washington statement—or by a somewhat desperate recourse to a general election.

Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister-elect, has suspended negotiations for the formation of a new government until the national executive of his Christian Democratic Party meets tomorrow to give him more room in which to manoeuvre or, virtually, forces him to admit defeat.

Reports of private meetings of Christian Democratic parliamentarians yesterday suggest that he cannot expect to be given much more leeway in seeking a new understanding with the communists.



Not a concept of a second millennium horseman of the Apocalypse but a Swiss soldier and his mount equipped for gas warfare.

'Crisis of confidence' in Bonn over bugging

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Feb 2

Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, on the brink of resignation about espionage and bugging cases, today reported to coalition party leaders on allegedly illegal methods used by the military counter-intelligence service.

No details of his report were disclosed but he is believed to have stated on several occasions that counter-intelligence agents bugged people's homes and offices without authorization in their efforts to track down spies.

The tense three-hour meeting appeared to be the last stage of Herr Leber's painful downfall over his handling of the two affairs. He offered his resignation yesterday and although Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, and the Cabinet asked him to think it over, his final departure is expected any day now.

Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, the leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Party, demanded the resignation of the whole Government. He and Herr Helmut Kohl, the Christian Democratic Leader, said there was a "crisis of confidence" in the government.

Herr Schmidt cancelled all engagements and announced, so as to cushion the blow somewhat, that there will in any case be a Cabinet reshuffle sometime in the spring. It was disclosed yesterday that Herr Karl Ravens, the Housing Minister, and Herr Helmut Rohde, the Education Minister, would be leaving shortly.

The departures of the other two ministers are, however, unlikely to detract much attention from the political harm Herr Leber has done to the Government.

An outstanding Defence Minister who will be difficult to replace, Herr Leber committed a series of gaffes when a big espionage case and the illegal bugging were revealed in the press. As he resigned he disclosed that Parliament had been misled for a third time about the affairs.

He admitted that the counter-intelligence service had been involved in more illegal bugging activities than the one instance which he had assured Parliament last week was an "isolated case".

West German newspapers claimed today that numerous illegal bugging cases had come to light—figures ranged from 12 to 20. The right-wing daily *Die Welt* said that the offices of high-ranking Defence Ministry officials had been bugged, unbeknown to their occupants.

It was Herr Leber's clumsy handling of the two scandals, as much as the events in themselves, that helped to tarnish the strong and successful image which the Government acquired with the rescue of the 86 Lufthansa airliner hostages in Mogadishu and its handling of the Schleyer kidnapping last autumn.

Herr Leber has been under fire since last December, when a newspaper disclosed that more than 1,000 top secret West German and Nato military documents had apparently been betrayed to East Germany by three Defence Ministry employees.

ravda attacks US 'interference' in West

n Michael Binyon
cow, Feb 2

ravda today renewed its cks on what it called erican interference in the rnal affairs of West Europe.

long article by the news- er's political columnist bit- y attacked American hos- y to Communist participa- in West European governn- ts, saying this was an mpt to limit democracy and ocratic freedoms.

nce the Carter Administra- 's recent warning against munists being drawn into governments of Italy, Spain elsewhere, the Soviet media e conducted an intensive y propaganda campaign, using the Americans of tical and military blackmail. *ravda* today said the Penta- was trying to "impose" neutron bomb on West ope, and Washington had tried to determine the tical order in these coun- s, including the composition overnments.

What most concerns the Russians at the moment is the situation in Italy. The Russians would obviously like to see the Communists gain a foothold in Italy, but the Soviet attitude towards the Italian Communist Party and others which call themselves Eurocommunists remains ambivalent.

In the current issue of *New Times*, a weekly foreign affairs journal, the Western press is sharply attacked for "misinterpreting" an earlier criticism of Señor Manuel Azcarate, the Spanish Communist leader. He had been denounced for saying the Soviet Union was not a socialist state.

The current "clarification" says Westerners appear not to have read the original article. Nobody, it says, is attacking the Spanish Communist Party, or Spanish Communists' views.

However, a few paragraphs later, the *New Times* article says Señor Azcarate "has adopted a position long held by the enemies of Marxism, communism and the working class".

The article asserts that that Western commentators saw the original attack as Soviet opposition to West European communist parties in general, and to the concept of Eurocommunism. This is "downright falsification".

But it adds immediately, "unfortunately fraternal parties, too, have reacted hastily".

The impression left by the *New Times* article, and by other recent statements on Eurocommunism, is that the Russians are trying to have their cake and eat it. By all means work out your own strategy—but do not stray from the right path.

This pattern of ambivalence has persisted in all Soviet writings on Eurocommunism. An attack is followed by a "clarification" smoothing things over. The Russians do not want a decisive break with any fraternal West European party, especially not with the Italians now that the possibility of power looms larger for them.

EEC acts against France over imports of lamb

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Feb 2

Legal proceedings have been opened by the European Commission against France for infringing EEC free trade rules by restricting imports of lamb, mainly from Britain. At the same time, Britain and France have been taken to task for curbing potato imports.

The Commission contends that free trade in lamb inside the EEC should have existed from the beginning of this year and intends to present proposals later this year for a nine-nation common market regime in sheepmeat. France, however, still operates a system of import levies designed to protect its home market.

The legal action by the Commission was prompted by British protests last month against a bilateral Franco-Irish deal whereby Irish exporters are allowed to ship about 100 tonnes of lamb and live sheep to France a week free of import charges. British exporters, however, continue to be subject to substantial levies.

The French will be given about a month to justify their policy. If their explanations fail to satisfy the Commission, which seems likely, France will be told to abolish its import system or face arraignment before the European Court of Justice.

The same procedure will apply in the case of potatoes.

Dr Soares puts economic recovery before socialism

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Feb 2

Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, today presented to the Assembly the programme of his second Government which will be the subject of a five-day debate opening on Wednesday.

In his speech lasting more than two hours Dr Soares defended his former Socialist Government's record and repeatedly pleaded for national unity to help the present one in its task of restoring the country's economy.

He emphasized that this programme was within the framework of an agreement between the Socialist Party and the Christian Democrats, who are in the Government.

He emphasized that socialist ideals would have to take a secondary role to economic recovery, saying: "It is important to talk about socialism and socialist options, but we must all agree that the building of socialism is now less important than the economic recovery of this country if we are to save Portuguese democracy."

He said that the programme aimed at consolidating democracy, carrying out an administrative reform assuring social peace and improving the position of women in society.

Acknowledging that the country's financial position was extremely serious, he insisted on the need of austerity for all. He also emphasized the necessity of reopening negotiations for a $50m (£26m) loan with the International Monetary Fund, which were suspended last November pending further developments.

With rising emotion, he called on the country to unite and urged the workers to cease labour unrest.

The workers must understand that high salaries were not possible at present and would only aggravate inflation.

The Government's programme provides for a one-year economic stabilisation plan that will take into account future possibilities. It also includes a medium-term development plan to help Portugal to reach a level that would enable it to integrate into the EEC.

Adultery not a crime

Madrid, Feb 2.—The Spanish lower House of Parliament has passed a law which will make adultery and concubinage no longer crimes punishable by imprisonment.

Rebel ordains 34 priests

Ecône, Switzerland, Feb 2.—Mgr Marcel Lefebvre, the traditionalist French rebel archbishop, today ordained 34 priests, including three Americans, a Canadian and a Briton,

Danish hippies lose claim to barracks

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, Feb 2

The Danish Supreme Court today rejected a claim by the people of Christiania, Copenhagen's "hippy city", that they have a right to an abandoned Army barracks occupied by squatters in 1971. The 1,000 residents could lawfully be ejected without further notice, the court ruled.

Immediately after the announcement, Mr Joergensen, the Prime Minister, called in leaders of all parties represented in the Folketing for consultations. Government sources said support would be sought for altering a Folketing decision in 1976 ordering the evacuation of Christiania.

Some of Christiania's idealists, drop-outs, drug addicts and drunkards have threatened to disrupt road and rail traffic throughout Copenhagen if any attempt is made to evict them.

Salary cuts preferred to redundancies

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Feb 2

A majority of the International Labour Organization's staff are in favour of salary cuts to save the jobs of 150 employees facing dismissal because of economies. This is evident from returns of questionnaires sent out last month to all 2,500 staff—some 1,400 at headquarters—by the ILO staff union, which is proposing a maximum wage reduction of 10 per cent.

The organization is in financial difficulties because of a 25 per cent budget cut necessitated by the United States withdrawal from membership in November.

Mr Ali Taqi, the union chairman, said: "If it is finally accepted, a salary cut will have to be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in working time. As a matter of principle, I do not think the staff could simply accept a straight reduction."

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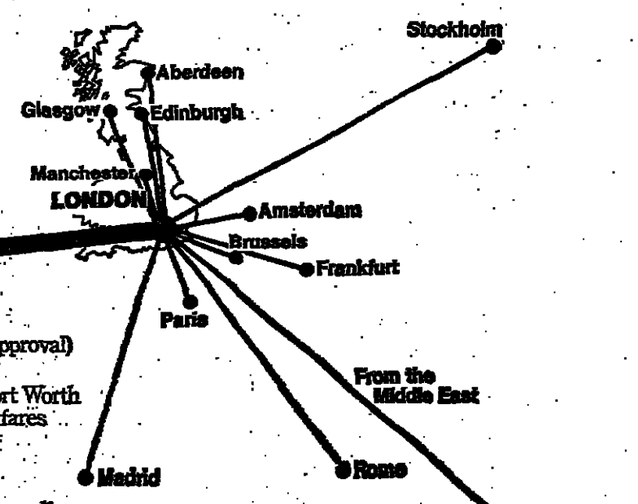
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Patriotic Front trims policy in prospect of internal settlement

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

An elusive organization, crucially important in the Rhodesian struggle yet hard to take at its face value, the guerrilla alliance of the Patriotic Front is now changing its tactics.

In their talks with Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Andrew Young, the United States special envoy, in Malta this week, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the joint leaders, were embarking on a new policy rather different from their stated objectives.

Up to now the Patriotic Front has relied on its military campaign by the "freedom fighters" in Mozambique and Zambia, to win independence in a free Zimbabwe. This struggle, of course, goes on.

But apart from the fact that its military gains have been rather less striking than the claims made for them, the Front now sees that it is in danger of losing all that it has achieved though an "internal settlement" in Salisbury.

No doubt this is the motive for talking to Britain, and also the United States, which not so long ago the Front's leaders said they wanted nothing to do with.

Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe are well aware that the internal settlement, which they dismiss as an irrelevance, may come into effect. What is more, they also appreciate that so far as a large sector of British and American public opinion is concerned, such a settlement might look very acceptable.

The Front have been thinking very seriously about what to do, even applying that esoteric branch of strategy, Games Theory, to their problem. Part of the answer, they have decided, lies in winning over British and American public opinion.

This explains their objective in Malta, not just to hold the talks, but to make sure the talks continue—as they will do soon. It also underlines their new and more moderate attitude towards holding elections in Rhodesia before independence.

They may not altogether like the idea—feeling as they do that they would be under a severe handicap in an election—but they realize that Western public opinion would be most unsympathetic if they tried to put off an election (as President Kaunda of Zambia was recently urging).

But as Mr Mugabe made it unmistakably clear in Malta, a deep difference in political philosophy underlies some of the disagreements on procedure. "We do not view the role of the United Nations (one of the fundamental points in dispute) as one of supporting the colonial power, in its bid to consolidate itself and its economic interests among the people of Zimbabwe", he told Malta television.

On the argument over the role of Lord Carver, the Commissioner-designate for Rhodesia, he had this to say: "We are not intending to replace the white bourgeois property owners with a black bourgeois class. We are fighting against the system in that country. The system has to go."

According to Mr Andrew Young, who has spent much time this week in late-night chats over a drink with African delegates, he heard nothing in the Malta discussions which sounded communist. He suggested that it reflected: "a lack of confidence in the Western Judaeo-Christian" tradition, to suppose that the Africans educated in this tradition would turn away from it, as a result of "turning to the East in a moment of desperation for arms".

Mr Young may be right in supposing that the future Zimbabwe would be a society like Zambia, Tanzania or Kenya; but it is clear that the Patriotic Front leadership is developing its own idea of where it wants to go.

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Mr Sadat sets off for US with no high hopes

From David Warts
Cairo, Feb 2

President Sadat of Egypt left here today for talks with President Carter in Washington which could determine whether or not his drive for peace in the Middle East will end in success. Mr Sadat is making a stopover in Morocco before going on to America tomorrow. His departure was a low-key affair in keeping with the present mood in the Egyptian capital.

The past two days of discussions with Mr Alfred Atherton, the American Assistant Secretary of State, have dictated that mood. It has become clear that expectations fro mthe talks in the United States must not be raised too high.

Not only are there Egyptian and Israeli ideas of how the Palestinian question should be solved, but also an American formula which seeks to bridge the gap between the other two. But there is no agreement among the parties on ony of these schemes.

According to diplomats, Israel's refusal to grant even the smallest concession on the question of a Palestinian homeland or withdrawal from occupied Arab territory has convinced Mr Sadat that the American formula on the Palestinians is not sufficiently strong to ensure that the Palestinians will eventually get the state they want.

The American plan calls for the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and provision for them to play a part in the determination of their own future. Israel has stuck to its formula for self-rule which seems little different to the present situation.

Diplomats said the differences remain so fundamental that even American semantic skill cannot bring them together.

Meanwhile, Cairo is being equally definite, as it has from the start, in its rejection of the presence of any Israelis on Egyptian land. Though the military men, who have been looking at the mechanics of withdrawal from the Sinai, are said to have been able to understand each other's problems this has not led to any movement in the military committee, which has been recessed.

President Sadat's mission is to try and convince Mr Carter that only he can ensure the success of the best chance for peace in the Middle East in 30 years through a fundamental change in American policy.

Rabat, Feb 2.—Mr Sadat adrived here today on the first stop of his 13-day tour of America and seven other countries.

He was met at Rabat-Sale airport by King Hussan of Morocco, who is one of the strongest backers of Mr Sadat's peace initiatives with Israel. With the President was Mr Mohammad Kamal, the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

After leaving the United States next Wednesday, President Sadat will visit Britain, West Germany, Austria, Romania, France and Italy on his way home.



The newly discovered fragment of radioactive debris being repacked at Yellowknife, north-west Canada, after spending the night in a dustbin.

Radioactive satellite part recovered

Edmonton, Alberta, Feb 2.—United States and Canadian scientists have recovered a fragment of the fallen nuclear-powered Soviet satellite which is emitting up to 10 times the radiation of other debris, a Canadian defence spokesman said today.

The fragment, measuring 10 inches by three inches and half an inch thick, was discovered yesterday near a weather station called Fort Reliance in Canada's Northwest Territories.

Its radiation level was 200 roentgens an hour, compared with 10-20 roentgens an hour found in earlier remnants, which experts said posed little hazard to human life. A lethal dose is about 500 roentgens. All the debris so far located from the spy satellite, which carried a nuclear-powered reactor, has been found in uninhabited regions.

The newly-discovered fragment has been cordoned off. It is about 14 miles from Fort Reliance, the nearest community with about 20 residents. Fort Reliance is beside McCleod Bay, north-west of the frozen Great Slave Lake.

The 10-day search for debris has so far failed to find confirmed traces of the potentially lethal reactor carried by the satellite, which was designed to keep watch on Western naval movements.

Some of the debris discovered earlier was flown from nothern Canada to Edmonton yesterday in lead-lined boxes and under tight security for analysis by American and Canadian scientists.

The satellite was carrying 100 lb of potentially lethal enriched uranium.

Scientists eventually hope to set up a base near the Great Slave Lake with equipment to bore into the ice. Aircraft flying in formation 750 ft apart and 500 ft from the ground were today making sweeps along the trajectory believed to have been taken by the satellite as it fell from orbit on January 24.—Reuter.

US plan to boost defence of Europe

From David Cross
Washington, Feb 2

Mr Harold Brown, the American Defence Secretary, said today he hoped to improve the capability of the United States to fight a sudden war in Europe by increasing the numbers of troops and aircraft available to fly in quickly.

Recalling President Carter's commitment to strengthen the collective defence for West Europe, he said that forces would be ready for intense fighting there when they were well enough trained to react quickly to an emergency and when their equipment and reserve supplies were adequate.

"Unfortunately, I cannot report that our forces by this definition are as ready as I would like them to be," he said, citing such reasons as training cuts, a shortage of funds and energy problems.

In view of this, the Administration hoped that the present one or two divisions of troops and 40 air squadrons available to be sent to Europe within 10 days could be increased to five divisions and 60 suadrons by 1982.

Mr Brown was presenting his department's annual report to Congress at the opening of hearings into President Carter's defence budget for the next fiscal year. The budget, which was published here last week, proposed total expenditure of $117,000m (£59,000m) and represented a 3 per cent real growth in outlays over the current fiscal year.

Today's report seeks to justify the proposed increase in spending and provides more details of the Administration's defence strategy and priorities. Similar reports in the past have traditionally emphasized the need to respond in kind to the build-up of Warsaw Pact forces.

Using the analogy of the tortoise and the hare, Mr Brown said the United States pulled ahead of the Soviet Union in the late 1950s and early 1960s but had fallen behind since then. "Now we must increase our investment in defence if we are to stay abreast", he said.

Outlining a long-term strategy to achieve this goal, the report says that priority will be given to buying tanks, short-range missiles and some 2,000 tactical fighter aircraft.

In the strategic sector, emphasis will be placed on the development of the cruise missile which, Mr Brown believes, offers the West hope of outnumbering remaining Soviet strategic weapons after attack.

The report rejects the American Navy's demands for a ship fleet on the ground this is "not feasible in the decade". Nevertheless, Brown hopes to increase present total of some 200 face combat vessels to 250, while maintaining the of the present fleet at some ships.

The report also discloses the Soviet Union will prob begin flight tests on two types of intercontinental sile and unveil the prot of a new intercontinental ber shortly. It notes that 1964 the Soviet Union ha panded its airborne forces developed the beginnings long-range ocean-going, an bious assault capability.

While being prepared fight a full-scale war in Eu the United States must als ready to react effectively smaller conflict in another of the world, like the because of the improtanc that region's oil to the Un States and its allies, the port says.

Michael Binyon writes Moscow: As long as the race continued and the prepared for war the So Union would continue strengthen its civil defe General Alexander Alt chief of the Soviet civil defe said today.

He said the Russians' for civil defence stemmed f the "aggressive aspiration imperialism". These fo were at work in a numbe Western countries, especi the United States. He opponents of détente did want to abandon the polic military ventures in dea with international issues, were hampering efforts to international tension.

General Altunin said tricks of militarist propaga slander and misinforma were constantly being used, false reports spread about existence of a "So menace".

"Contrary to the facts, civil defence of the So Union presented to Americans as a 'secret weap of the Russians, a weapon wh allegedly holds a poten danger to the Western count and threatens to destabilize strategic balance of power."

But, he added, Soviet c defence did not threaten a one and represented no dan to the West.

Sithole formula averts Salisbury deadlock

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Feb 2

A breakdown of the Rhodesian internal settlement talks appeared to have been averted today when the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole offered a compromise to resolve the delicate issue of the election of whites to a black majority parliament.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa of the United African National Council (UANC) wants whites to have only 20 seats out of 100 and to be elected on a common voting roll. The Rhodesian Government, Mr Sithole's African National Council and the Zimbabwe United People's Organization had already agreed to 28 whites' seats elected on a separate white voting role.

It was the bishop's disagreement on this matter which largely led to his walk-out last Friday. He returned to the conference yesterday but the meeting broke up without anything constructive being achieved. Today in an atmosphere which suggested a breakdown was imminent, Mr Sithole offered a compromise paper.

Exact details are not known yet but it proposes a common voters' roll with whites elected on a complicated preferential voting system. It is not thought that this would be acceptable to Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, but all four parties agreed to consider it. They adjourned after one and a half hours to meet again on Tuesday.

Sources close to the talks say the atmosphere today was an improvement on yesterday. There was an uncomfortable, tense situation at first but the mood thawed slightly after Mr Sithole's paper was presented.

The very fact that the bishop did not walk our again is seen as a small victory for those anxious to reach a settlement. Bishop Muzorewa was expected to take some dramatic action after a statement issued today by his party publicity secretary, Mr David Mukome. This claimed that the other three delegations had formed an unannounced caucus which would operate during the current talks and continue into the general election.

Mr Mukome said their pact created a number of new situations. For one, the talks were no longer between four independent delegations but had become an encounter between the UANC and the other three parties. Because of this, the UANC would be projected by the news media as the odd one out. But, said Mr Mukome, the UANC was determined to fight against this unholy alliance. The combination of the three groups would do nothing to improve their minority status and might well result in their total elimination at the polls.

Today's talks at the civil Service training centre were attended by delegation heads accompanied by several advisers. The UANC official, Mr Ernest Bulle, was in the chair.

Sixteen more people have died in the terrorist war. The Ministry of Combined Operations announced tonight that three members of the security forces had been killed. Security forces had killed eight terrorists, while terrorists had murdered five pribesmen, robbed a clinic and set fire to an African Council office.

Begin gibe at 'state of orange poisoners'

Tl Aviv, Feb 2.—Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, today accused Palestinian guerrillas of poisoning Israeli oranges in Europe. "It is horrifying that they try to damage the Israeli economy at the expense of German and Dutch children," he said during a tour of a packing plant near Haifa.

His comments came as Israeli experts met to determine their reaction to reports that two dozen oranges were injected with mercury somewhere in Europe.

"Israel will not permit the establishment of a state headed by orange poisoners," Mr Begin said, referring to repeated Arab calls for the setting up of a Palestinian state on land captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

Although the Palestine Liberation Organization denied any connexion with the incident, a group called the Arab Revolutionary Army-Palestine Command claimed responsibility.—UPI.

Frankfurt, Feb 2.—Two children and several patients at a sanatorium in Bad-Soden, Hesse, became ill today after eating apparently contaminated oranges, a Frankfurt police spokesman announced here.

The health authorities speculated that Arab terrorists tampered with shipments of Spanish oranges in the belief they were Israeli oranges.

Maastricht, the Netherlands: The health authorities said mercury had been found in a Spanish orange bought in a supermarket.

Stockholm: The Swedish TT news agency reported that an orange suspected of containing mercury had been found in the southern town of Trelleborg and was being examined.

Madrid: The Spanish authorities today ruled out the possibility that the poisoned Spanish oranges had been tampered with in Spain.

London: The Department of Health advised the British public to examine carefully any orange before eating it.

Marriage curb call

Dacca, Feb 2.—The Bangladesh National Youth Association has advised 300,000 unmarried members to delay their marriage until the age of 28 for a man and 23 for a woman, to curb the birth rate.

Tunisian union leader voted out

Tunis, Feb 2.—Mr Habib Achour, the trade union leader detained after last week's general strike and riots, was today removed from the post of secretary-general of the General Union of Tunisian Workers.

A meeting of the union's executive voted him out of office. Mr Tijani Abid, who resigned last week as assistant secretary-general, was appointed acting secretary-general until an emergency union conference is held—Agence France-Presse.

Michael Coleman writes from Tunis: Efforts by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to see Mr Achour have failed.

Mr Achour, vice-president of the ICFTU, is awaiting trial, presumably on charges of inciting the rioting in which 46 people died, according to official figures.

Cosmonauts refuel Salyut engines in outer space

Moscow, Feb 2.—Two Soviet cosmonauts today successfully carried out a dangerous and unprecedented outer space refuelling of the jet and rocket engines of their Salyut 6 space laboratory.

The Soyuz 26 cosmonauts—Lieutenant-Colonel Yuri Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko—has been preparing for the transfer of the highly volatile fuels for the past 12 days since a robot unmanned capsule docked with Salyut carrying vital supplies.

Tass said: "According to telemetric information and reports from the posmonauts, the Salyut 6 refuelling programme has been completely carried out."

The cosmonauts had to carry out a thorough inspection of fuel nozzles, tanks and lines before beginning the transfer of the liquid oxygen-based rocket fuel.

Their successful effort gi the Salyut 6 space laborat a new lease of life, and if rockets are used to push further out into space it co considerably extend the norm 18 to 24-month orbital life the laboratory.

Tass said the Salyut systems were all functioni normally and both cosmonau were in good shape after t difficult refuelling operati was carried out.

Small jet engines on boa the station keep the massi Salyut craft in correct balan and alignment to Barth, wh the larger rocket engines a used for major corrections flight path and altitude.

Western experts said today refuelling operation was a spa first which the Russians bega preparing four years ago wi a series of experiments on t effects of weightlessness on t flow of liquids.—UPI.

West puts forward new proposals on Namibia

From Nicholas Ashford
Cape Town, Feb 2

Ambassadors representing the five Western powers tonight presented the South African Government with their latest—and perhaps final—set of proposals for a settlement in Namibia (South-West Africa). They were also being presented in Lusaka to the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo).

The proposals will form the basis of the negotiations by the Western powers—Britain, the United States, France, West Germany and Canada—with South Africa and Swapo in New York later this month. These talks will begin at official level on Tuesday and at foreign minister level on February 11.

Tomorrow the proposals will be presented to the five "front line" states and at the weekend a delegation led by Mr William Bowdler, the American Ambassador to South Africa, will travel to Windhoek to explain them to political organizations in the territory.

The New York talks are widely regarded as being the last chance to involve both the South Africans and Swapo in a peaceful settlement.

South Africa has already announced its intentions to press ahead with an internal independence settlement should the New York negotiations fail, and it has become clear that Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, will be going to New York in an uncompromising mood. In parliament today he stated that South Africa was not prepared to see "South-West Africa being handed over to terrorists."

According to reports in the South African press, the Western powers are trying to get round Swapo's objection to the presence of South African troops in the territory during elections by proposing a further reduction in their number and a corresponding increase in the size of the United Nations observer force.

The Western powers had originally suggested that 4,000 South African troops should remain in Namibia while elections for a constituent assembly were being held. The latest proposals are said to reduce this figure to 1,500.

Furthermore the Western powers are believed to be suggesting that the troops should be confined to the southern part of the territory and to two bases in the north. The South Africans would be likely to resist such a suggestion.

A United Nations force of between 3,000 to 4,000 men is now envisaged. Its task would be to ensure there was no infiltration from Angola by Swapo guerrillas or intimidation of people in the border areas.

Angolans say mercenaries will be shot on sight

Any British mercenaries arriving in Angola will be "shot on sight," the British Ambassador in Brussels has been told.

The Foreign Office said yesterday that the ambassador, Sir David Muirhead, received the warning when he met the Angolan Ambassador to Belgium, who expressed concern about reports of British mercenaries being recruited.

The implication was that there would be no "messing about" with court proceedings.

The Foreign Office last week stated that the Government could be in no way responsible for the fate of mercenaries.

Polanski extradition call

Los Angeles, Feb 2.—The Los Angeles district attorney's office announced today that it would seek the extradition of Roman Polanski, the film director, from France to face a sentence on conviction of sexual intercourse with a girl of 13.

Mr Polanski fled to France today after failing to appear for sentencing in a Santa Monica court yesterday. Judge Laurence Rittenband said that he would impose the sentence by Tuesday week with or without Mr Polanski.—UPI.

TV chat enhances Carter image

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Feb 2

President Carter went on television last night to defend the Panama Canal treaties. It was his first "fireside chat" since last April and it may have been his most effective piece of public oratory since he took office.

There has been much criticism of the President for many months past. It has been alleged that he is not giving the country the leadership it wants, that he vacillates on matters of high policy and even that the presidency is proving too much for him.

The way he delivered his broadcast was much more imprtant than what he said. There were no astonishing revelations no hard news to put into a headline. The arguments in favour of the treaties (like the arguments aginst them) are all very famoliar by now.

Mr Carter was authoritative, eloquent, altogether credible, altogether presidential. He looked and sounded like a President of the United States wholly in command of the office and entirely capable of directing the nation's destinies.

He seems at last to have mastered his nervous habit of grinning suddenly at odd moments, and he managed last night to hit the right balance between inspiration and didacticism. Instead of stunning us with statistics of oil imports and fuel consumption, or reverting to his campaign technique of telling his audience how good and kind they were, he took a very serious issue and treated it seriously and masterfully.

He did not please everyone. "I have heard many fireside chats", Senator Barry Goldwater said, "But I have never listened to one so completely filled with distortions, lack of honesty and lack of candour as the one I listened to tonight." Mr Goldwater opposes the canal treaties.

Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic leader in the Senate, who supports the treaties, said that: "When the facts are placed on the table, as they were tonight", there must be "a shifting of sentiment in favour of the treaties".

A Gallup poll published yesterday shows for the first time that more Americans support the treaties than oppose them, 45 per cent to 42 per cent.

Speaking of the need to defend the canal, the President said: "I would not hesitate to deploy whatever armed forces are necessary to defend the canal, and I have no doubt that even in sustained combat, we would be successful.

"But there is a much better option than sending our sons and grandsons to fight in the jungles of Panama. We would serve our interests better by implementing the new treaties, an action that would help to avoid any attack on th Panama Canal.

In his conclusion, the Pres dent said: "We Americar want a more humane an stable world. We believe i good will and fairness, as we s strength. This agreemer with Panama is something w want because we know it i right. This is not merely th surest way to protect and sav the canal; it is the strong, po itive act of a people who ar still confident, still creative still great."

The speech was carried live o two of the country's three com mercial television networks and by the much smaller Pub lic Broadcasting Service. Th third, communal network, th Columbia Broadcasting System refused.

CBS had a "special" o which it was particularly proud, something called See How they Run, and decided that it would get the better of its rivals by recording Mr Carter and broadcasting the tape late at night.

The President's press spokesman said that the decision was "unprecedented". But, in fact, it happened to President Ford often. CBS said: "There is no indication of special urgency or dramatic change in President Carter's position".

The CBS affiliate in Washington had other ideas. It put out a basketball match, thus snubbing the President and Joanne Woodward, the stars of See How they Run.

Ethiopian Migs raid Somali rebel positions

Mogadishu, Feb 2.—Ethiopian aircraft have attacked for two days concentrations of Somali insurgents in the embattled Ogaden region, diplomatic sources said today.

They said that the aircraft had struck targets lying between Harer and Babile, a strategic town about 25 miles east of Harer.

The purpose was to "demoralize the Somalis", by killing cattle and other livestock in addition to attacking military positions.

The aircraft, mostly MiG21 fighters supplied by Russia, also attacked Somali positions in the southern province of Sidamo.

The Somalis are reported to be gravely concerned about the lack of any effective air defences to guard against Ethiopian air raids. There were reports in Mogadishu that missiles were being urgently sought from Aram supporters

Biko case police will not be prosecuted

From Our Own Correspondent
Cape Town, Feb 2

The Attorney General of the Eastern Cape announced today that he had decided not to prosecute anyone in connexion with the death in police detention last year of Steve Biko.

It was in Port Elizabeth, in the Eastern Cape, that Mr Biko suffered the head injuries which led to his death.

However, the South African Medical and Dental Council has still to decide whether disciplinary action should be taken against two Port Elizabeth surgeons who examined Mr Biko during his detention.

Dance fight kills seven

Bangkok, Feb 2.—A fight over a dance girl culminated in 15 minutes of machine-gun fire, killing seven people and wounding 30, at a Thai festival last night.

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David Bonavia
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a shows every sign of ction at the recent talks nom Penh between Mr Sary, the Cambodian r Prime Minister and Dr Pachariyangkun, the oreign Minister.

New China news agency ported the talks at consie length, emphasizing reement on the need for ntinued existence of an ndent Cambodia free of al interference. This is imed at Vietnam, is in a state of war with dia.

Chinese report from t Penh said that Thaind Cambodia would "do utmost to take concrete res to make the friendly ns between the two s friendlier, for instance, change of ambassadors ugmentation of economic ade ties."

comes after months of ic border clashes be- Thailand and Cambodia. sides now seem anxious d their relations.

Pol Pot, the Cambodian Minister, who recently Peking, received the Foreign Minister, who d him a letter from Gen- Kriangsak Chamnanand, ai Prime Minister.

Chinese report con- l with the Thai minister's statement at a banquet that the so-called five principles of peaceful coexistence must be observed, and "any country which does not respect these principles will be condemned by the world, Thailand in particular".

It is especially ironical for China to express its views on the Cambodian-Vietnam war through the mouth of the Foreign Minister of a country where it supports communist insurgents with words at the very least. Thailand has no common frontier with China, but Chinese arms and supplies are believed in the past to have reached insurgents there through Vietnam.

Peking's new-found enthusiasm for "non-interference" in the affairs of South-east Asian nations coincides with the visit to Burma by Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the Chinese Deputy Prime Minister, who is believed to have discussed with President Ne Win the question of pro-communist insurgents in the common border area.

There are signs that China is leaning more and more towards the idea of helping to prop up the governments of South East Asian nations as a counterweight to Soviet influence there.

Peking openly supports the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) consisting of Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, even though Singapore and Indonesia have no diplomatic relations with China. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, openly opposes Asean.

Bangkok, Feb 2.—Cambodia and Thailand have agreed to exchange ambassadors and avoid further clashes on their common border, Dr Upadit told reporters here today on his return from Cambodia. The Cambodian Government had also agreed to release an unspecified number of Thai fishermen arrested for violating Cambodian territorial waters.

"Both sides are ready to forget the past, to stop misunderstanding (each other) and to normalize our relations," He added: "I was informed during the visit that Cambodia has no reasons to create trouble with us."

Katmandu, Feb 2.—Mr Teng arrives in Nepal *tomorrow* for a three-day visit.

He will be the guest of Mr Kirtinidhi Bista, the Prime Minister, but his main talks will be with King Birendra, who has interrupted his tour of Western Nepal to receive him.

Mr Teng's visit is seen here partly as an attempt to match the series of high-level contacts between Nepal and India since the Janata Party came to power last March.—Reuter.

Mr Bhutto charged with misuse of funds

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad, Feb 2

Six further charges were brought today against Mr Bhutto, the deposed Prime Minister, who is already on trial for murder.

They relate to abuse of his official position, election rigging, evasion of taxes, misuse of government funds, violation of foreign exchange regulations and using the funds of Pakistan embassies for his personal needs and purchases.

If found guilty, Mr Bhutto could be disqualified from taking part in politics for seven years, apart from any prison sentence.

The new charges were brought before Mr Justice Shafiur Rahman of Lahore High Court. He directed Mr Bhutto to appear on February 21 to answer charges in three of the cases.

According to the prosecution Mr Bhutto as Prime Minister had planned large-scale rigging of the general elections of last March long before the polls. A plan for manipulating district administrations and even provincial governors in order to ensure a landslide victory for his People's Party had been prepared as early as 1974.

Under another charge Mr Bhutto is alleged to have concealed assets when submitting a declaration required of former holders of public office. Mr Bhutto is estimated to own property and other assets valued at £25m. The amount he declared was £900,000.

Mr Bhutto is alleged to possess 2,200 acres of farm land in contravention of the Land Reforms Act. He is further accused of having misused government funds and machinery for the development of land, causing a loss to the Government estimated at £4.5m.

The prosecution said Mr Bhutto, as President and later as Prime Minister, spent £2m from secret government funds on organizing his political party and towards paying the expenses of party office holders. He is also accused of having spent secret funds on his personal requirements.

According to the prosecution, Mr Bhutto had his private homes at Karachi and Larkana *completely* renovated and air conditioned at government expense.

The charges have been brought after extensive inquiries conducted by the federal investigation agency of the Minister of the Interior.

In the murder trial Mr Bhutto is now boycotting the court proceedings and refusing to defend himself. He says he has done so in order to register his protest against the manner *in which the trial is being held.*

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ing, Feb 2.—The National iation of Chinese Writers, ceased functioning dure Cultural Revolution, has restored with Mr Mao a writer and a former er of Culture, back again president.

People's Literature w in its first issue this reported that a forum was from December 28 to 31 led by a hundred writers literary figures, most of were harshly criticized g the Cultural Revolution. ervers noted that at the ng, one of the best known se writers, Mrs Ting Ling, ad been purged in 1957 as ghtist element", was again nned by Mr Lin Mo-han, Minister of Culture (*The* s reported on her as a ner of Conscience on h 28).

Mao Tun announced the al of the League of Litera- and 10 Chinese literary iations in various provindemounced under the s of four". He also aned the reappearance of a tical review, *The Literary d*.—Agence France-Presse.

Student clashes in Delhi as the Shah arrives

Delhi, Feb 2.—Students wearing red hoods clashed with police today as they demonstrated against the Shah of Iran. Police detained several students whose demonstration coincided *with the Shah's arrival on a* four-day visit to India.

About 60 Iranian and several hundred Indian students took part in the demonstration in central Delhi as the Shah's car convoy passed from the airport to the presidential palace.

They tried to rush the convoy of cars and several managed to break through a cordon of several hundred policemen, some on horseback. The Shah's car had already passed but the slogan-shouting students managed to delay other cars.

Police chased the students and dragged several to police vans amid scuffles and baton beatings. They then drove them away to police stations.

Two days ago the Indian Home Ministry ordered Iranian and Palestinian students studying in Indian universities not to move out of their places of study without permission during *the Shah's stay in the Indian* capital. They were told they would be deported if they held any hostile demonstration against the Shah.

There are several thousand Iranian students in India but the restriction orders apply to only a few hundred, according to student sources.

The students' case has been taken up by a group of eminent intellectuals who have deplored what they call the fetters on peaceful protest imposed by the Indian Government.

A statement by 11 intellectuals, including a former High Court judge, Mr V. M. Tarkunde who was a leading opponent of *the emergency imposed by Mrs* Indira Gandhi, said: "We ourselves have struggled and won the right to dissent which was lost to us during the emergency and we urge upon the Government not to deny that right to foreigners staying in our country.

The Indian students taking part in the demonstration today included members of the youth wings of the ruling Janata Party and of Indian communist *parties.—Reuter and UPI.*

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Foreign Report

Bermuda: why the government must prevent more riots

Just over two months ago, on December 1, a black youth—he cannot be identified because there are a number of cases still before the courts—lit the rag fuse of a petrol bomb and tossed it into the office adjoining the Bristol Cellar's liquor warehouse in Hamilton, capital of the trim mid-Atlantic holiday island of Bermuda. The carpet caught fire, but when the fire brigade arrived a crowd of angry blacks prevented the firemen from reaching the blaze. By morning the warehouse and its *contents were totally destroyed; a loss* estimated at more than £250,000.

On the same night Mr David Powell, the white wholesale manager of the company, ferried his family to safety on the eastern tip of the island then watched helplessly as the warehouse burned. "The early morning flames", he recalls with grim yet faintly whimsical humour, "had a nice blue tinge to them. That would have been our prewar vintage Cognac going up."

The facts of that incident are clear enough, and neither side contests the other's story. But the fire, along with many others that night when millions of dollars-worth of damage was done by rioters and looters, was a watershed. December 1 was the night on which the grievances which had for so long remained *hidden on this apparently happy island* in the sun, came bursting to the surface. And perhaps December 1 was the night upon which, for the first time, Bermuda split along the lines of so many of its Caribbean neighbours to the south: racial lines.

It could have been worse; it could have been much worse. Bermuda, a British colony since the beginning of the seventeenth century, is still a little bit of England even if it is more than 3,000 miles away, and the rioting—ostensibly a protest against the hanging of black murderers Erskine Burrows and Larry Tacklyn—had a quaintly English gentility about it.

Hardly anybody was hurt on the streets and, despite the blood-curdling warnings given by black extremists for the benefit of the world's television crews, nobody was ever really threatened with physical harm whatever their colour.

The riots even had their moments of humour. One young Bermudian had the misfortune to throw his petrol bomb *straight into the hands of a policeman,* who promptly had it fingerprinted with dire results for the thrower. Another, caught up in the hysteria of the moment, enthusiastically joined in smashing up and setting fire to a car which he belatedly discovered was his own.

But there was, of course, a far more tragic side to it all. In the plushy Southampton Princess Hotel, several miles outside Hamilton, three people died in a fire started by unknown arsonists. And tourism upon which the island depends for more than two-thirds of its gross domestic product, took a hammering.



Mrs Lois Browne-Evans.



Mr Quinton Edness.

Bermuda has grown rich on tourism, although offshore banking and insurance are money-pullers too. Not much more than 20 miles long, and barely a mile wide for most of its length, it is in fact a group of 140 islands, many of them linked by bridges and causeways. It supports a population of 55,000—two-thirds of them black—and those 55,000 have few of the troubles that beset the rest of the world. The average income is $6,500 a year (the Bermudian dollar is on a par with the United States dollar), unemployment is only 2 per cent, and inflation has been held at less than 4 per cent.

At much the same latitude as the Canary Islands, Bermuda enjoys long, hot summers and warm winters. Its superb beaches are protected by a vast reef many times larger than Bermuda itself, and the islands are littered with golf courses and the sort of luxurious yet somehow brash hotels which appeal to the American market. New York is 90 minutes' flying time away, and Americans make up 93 per cent of the islands' visitors. Nevertheless, British Airways put Bermuda among their three most popular long-haul holiday destinations.

But holidays and riots do not go together. After all, as Bermuda's director of tourism, Mr Colin Selley, readily admits: "On vacation you are trying to get away from whatever it is that you want to get away from—and I don't think people want to head somewhere where there is a problem or might be a problem." The figures tell their own story: tourist figures for December were 40 per cent down; January has been officially described as "slow", and with long-term conference organizers still viewing the island with a jaundiced eye Mr Louis-Caviezel, general manager of the Bermudiana Hotel, predicts: "They have really done it this time. We are going to have an awful season."

The "this time" refers to previous riots on the island, in 1965, 1968, and 1972. These riots went hand-in-hand with lamentably slow progress towards desegregation and universal suffrage—both of them postwar phenomena. But all that had *seemed to be firmly in the past when I* visited Bermuda last September, and on the surface the island had appeared to be on the verge of attaining the sort of society where colour is no longer an important consideration, or even a consideration at all.

In such circumstances the December riots should have come as a surprise. But they did not, for the outrage felt over the hangings—and felt, in all probability, by only a minority of the population—was merely the catalyst for the public airing of a whole batch of grievances.

Blacks and whites alike knew that there was trouble brewing; and knew—given the island's history—that it would erupt on the streets. And the main task of the Royal Commission which is now being set up by the Governor, Sir Peter Ramsbotham, to inquire into the riots will not be to look at the past but the future, and to see how a repetition of the trouble can be prevented.

They will find, as I did on a return visit last week, a new sullenness among the people; an air of disaffection that can only be increased as tourism struggles to pick up and layoffs continue among the itinerant blacks and immigrant Portuguese who do most of the more menial jobs in the hotels and other holiday-orientated industries.

And there, of course, lies one of the roots of the trouble—the conflict between the white "haves" and the black (in Bermuda it would be wrong to call them "have-nots") "have-lesses". "Our people want a real share of the economic power", says Mrs Lois Browne-Evans, the 50-year-old leader of Bermuda's official Opposition party, the Progressive Labour Party, and the woman who has become the voice of perhaps the majority of black Bermudians. "There is an interrelated group of wealthy men who have had it their way for too long."

There are many genuinely ambitious young black Bermudians who may work at two or three jobs in order to build up capital as well as loyally supporting the government of the officially multiracial United Bermuda Party and who suddenly find that their rewards are sparse. Even the Governor admits: "It is difficult for them to get into Front Street (the main harbourside shopping street, where property is at a premium), or even to get a loan from the banks to go into business."

This is the sort of problem which the Royal Commission will have to face, just as it will have to face the PLP claim that it is kept from power—or, rather, the verge of power—by the odd way in which the lines of parliamentary constituencies are drawn. This "gerrymandering", Mrs Browne-Evans claims, is what has given *her PLP only 15 of the 40 parliamentary* seats despite the fact that, at the last election, they got 46 per cent of the vote.

The thought of a PLP victory at the next election in three years' time, which *is a very real possibility* despite the present distribution of seats, must cause a few restless nights in the big houses of Tuckers Town—Bermuda's most exclusive, and almost entirely white, residential area. White extremists—and Mr David Gibbons, the Premier, admits: "They *exist in every community, and we have* our share"—accuse the PLP of being a black power party, and Mrs Browne-Evans of being a racialist rabble-rouser.

In fact black power has made only a cursory appearance on the island—but white members of the PLP are certainly thin on the ground. "We do have a small percentage of white members", Mrs Browne-Evans admitted to me, "but it is very small". How many exactly? Well, she could only think of two, offhand.

By contrast, the UBP has black ministers in the government, and Mr Gibbons's predecessor as Premier was black. And, if the party is not crippled by internal splits, it could perhaps go some way towards righting Bermuda's racial wrongs. "The blacks don't have a fair share of economic opportunity, much less a fair share of ownership in banking, insurance, etc", Mr Gibbons says. "So we are taking steps to aid small businesses."

More steps are being taken by the new Minister for Community Relations, Mr Quinton Edness, who is a black and a cousin of Mrs Browne-Evans. "Our people may be better off than in other countries", he says, "but that doesn't mean they don't feel envy. What we have got to find out is whether people are in that state because they have worked hard and then found that there is something in the system which prevents them from bettering themselves."

If it is to remain in power, the government also has to be sensitive to black discontent that is not necessarily economic. When I was on the island last week, they were trying hard to get rid of —in the best, bureaucratic, roundabout manner—a black American church minister who had had the temerity to speak out *against the December hangings. The result* of any such expulsion could be a martyr. And a martyr, or any similar spark, could mean fresh trouble in the streets despite the Royal Commission.

Fresh trouble could bring economic chaos to Bermuda, and this wealthy little island—clean, tidy, and laid out like some exotic botanical garden—could yet become a strife-ridden thorn in Britain's side.

Robin Mead

Report February 2 1978

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er v Rose

Lord Scarman, Lord Megaw and Lord Justice

nents of a mobility allowmd an attendance allowance to a plaintiff under the Security Pensions Act, 1975, e Social Security Act, 1975, g £600 a year were not to ought into account to rehe damages payable to him ect of a motor accident as lt of which he had become plegic.

Court of Appeal dismissed eal by the defendant, Mrs ne Jean Rose, of New on Road, Emsworth, Hampfrom an award of £142,252, ng interest, made by Mr Talbot in February, 1977, plaintiff, Mr Max Bowker, hurst Road, Reading, Berk-

of Mrs Rose's appeal, reto the sum of interest d, was adjourned by the of Appeal pending the decif the House of Lords in *n v Knowles* ([1977] QB

Michael Turner, QC, and nathan Playford for Mrs Mr John Alliott, QC, and ames Badenoch for Mr r.

D JUSTICE ROSKILL said t the time of the accident rker was reading quantity ing. He was a young man at promise and ability with vious professional future of him.

was now a tetraplegic, un- look after himself to any ntial extent and needing or *semi-skilled* assistance e rest of his life. He was his situation with courage, ined to get back into as a life as was humanly e.

e was nothing wrong with dge's award of £35,220 for future earnings, or £56,000 ject of the costs of future ance.

Bowker received a mobility nce and an attendance nce under the social y legislation. It was sug- that those allowances be brought into account, in reducing the special figure, agreed at £14,250, £56,000 cost of support or to some extent both.

Turner argued that Mr r was receiving those pay- *as of right under the legis-* they were, therefore, ing which he would not reut for the Act; therefore enefit of them must be t into account even though ight reduce the liability of

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Court of Appeal

Caravan sites: limits on jurisdiction

Taylor and Others v Calvert and Another

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Ormrod and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane

An occupier of a mobile home who is dissatisfied with an agreement offered him by the site owner pursuant to his obligations under the Mobile Homes Act, 1975, can only apply to the court to determine the matter in dispute under section 4 (5) of the Act where the site owner has made an offer which does not comply with his statutory duties or is inconsistent with terms previously agreed between the site owner and the occupier.

Where a site owner offered agreements for five years, the minimum term required by the Act, the court had no power to extend those terms on an application by the occupiers under section 4 (5).

The Court of Appeal allowed an *appeal by* Mr Roy Calvert and Mrs Joan Calvert, the site owners of Caerwnon House Leisure Park, near Builth, Powys, from Judge Woodly, at Builth County Court, who ordered that agreements offered to the applicants, Miss Aziel Gwendoline Taylor and others, occupiers of mobile homes on the site, pursuant to the Mobile Homes Act, should be for terms greater than five years.

Section 2 of the Mobile Homes Act provides: "(1) An agree*ment offered by an owner* of a protected site in pursuance of a duty imposed on him by section 1 of this Act . . . shall be for a term of not less than five years: . . ."

Section 4 provides: "(5) An occupier who is dissatisfied with *any of the terms or conditions in* an agreement offered to him by an owner in pursuance of a duty imposed under section 1 of this Act may, within the period of three months following the date on which the agreement is so offered, apply to the court for the determination of the matter in dispute."

Mr Leonard Hoffman, QC, (who did not appear below) for Mr and Mrs Calvert; Mr D. E. Morgan for the occupiers.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was the first case under *the Mobile Homes Act, which* might almost be called the Immobile Homes Act as it concerned what could almost be described as permanent caravans without wheels. Some fairly elderly people made their homes on Mr and Mrs Calvert's site.

Before the Act they were only licensees of their pitch, liable to be ordered to quit at short notice. One object of the Act was to give them some security of tenure and to make sure the terms on which pitches were offered contained certain reasonable requirements.

When the Act came into force Mr and Mrs Calvert, pursuant to their duty under section 1 (1), offered agreements to the occupiers which they said fulfilled the statutory requirements. A number of the occupiers got together and challenged the new agreements; in particular they wanted a term longer than five years.

Before the county court judge both parties assumed that he had unlimited power to amend and alter the various terms to what he considered reasonable. In some cases he altered the five-year term to eight year, in others to 10 years.

It was submitted for the Calverts on appeal that the judge did not have jurisdiction to do so. Though the point was not taken below, the judge could not indirectly extend his jurisdiction, and so it was open for consideration on appeal.

Under section 2 (1) the Calverts, as owners of a protected site, were under a duty to offer agreements for not less than five years and under section 3 (c) they had to include a term giving the occupier the right to have the period extended for not less than three years.

It seemed to his Lordship that the agreements offered complied with the statutory requirements. Mr Morgan submitted that even so the judge had a wide power under section 4 (5) to extend the terms, and had been entitled to interfere with all the provisions and terms of the agreement, almost to redraft it.

The correct interpretation of section 4 (5) was that it applied only where a site owner had failed to fulfill his statutory duties, had made an offer which did not comply with the statute. It did not apply when all he was offering had previously been agreed.

The judge did not have jurisdiction to grant the extended terms and his Lordship would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, agreeing, said that the only meaning that could rationally be given to section 4 (5) was that it referred to a dispute as to whether the terms of the agreement were in compliance with the Act or were consistent with the terms of a subsisting agreement between the site owner and the occupier.

Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Tozers, Dawlish; Dilwyn Jones & Sons, Llandrindod Wells.

In *Lonrho Ltd and Others v Shell Petroleum Co Ltd and Others* (February 1) Mr Robert Wright, QC, appeared for Lonhro.

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person injured entirely by his own fault or in an inevitable accident would be entitled to such benefits and so he would be in the perhaps unlikely event of his suffering no loss of earning capacity.

That was binding on the court, and suggested that the right approach was *that indicated* by the Australia court and Lord Reid: one should look at the purpose of the legislation. The judge had been right not to deduct the allowances.

Lord Justice Megaw and Lord Scarman agreed.

Leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords.

Solicitors: Lawrence, Graham, Middleton Lewis; Thomas Eggar & Son, Chichester.

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Hungary's intellectuals turn away from Marx

The Hungarian intelligentsia has been fairly quiescent in recent years and apparently satisfied with the relatively broad limits permitted by the system. This calm has now *been broken by the decision of* a number of younger intellectuals to launch two volumes of *samizdat* writings. But to underline how different the situation is in Hungary, these are rather unlike the material that circulates clandestinely in Poland, Czechoslovakia or the Soviet Union. There are no protests, no reports of political trials, no documents detailing political organization or lists of political prisoners. Hungarian *samizdat* concentrates on attempts by *intellectuals to define their* ideological positions in a society that defines itself as Marxist and contains material that has found no official publisher.

One of the two volumes, *Marx in the Fourth Decade* (270 pages long), was edited by András Kovács. The title refers both to the period during which Hungary has been ruled by the communists and to the fact that its contributors are all aged around 40; so that they were largely brought up in a society the values of which were ostensibly Marxist. The striking feature of the collection is that the contributors, who were part of the radical left of the 1960s and who still remain committed to "socialism", have generally concluded that Marxist ideology is insufficient by itself to answer the problems of East European societies today.

One of the best known contributors is Miklós Haraszti, who was put on trial in 1973 for his book *Piece Rate* (published last year as *The Worker in a Workers' State*). Haraszti expressly states: "It does not matter that I was a Marxist. Nor does it matter that I am not one any longer." The feeling that Marxism has become irrelevant emerges from several of the papers in the volume. In general, the generation represented in the collection has *abandoned the legacy of Georg* Lukács, the dominant figure in Hungarian Marxism, and no longer regards itself as linked to the so-called Budapest school.

Marx in the Fourth Decade was compiled by Kovács on the basis of a questionnaire, which boiled down to the simple question, "what, in your view, is Marxism and what is your attitude to it?" Without exception, the replies show that a residual sympathy with Marxism, defined in the broadest possible terms, is all that remains of the "renaissance Marxism" of the 1960s, the era of liberalization. The respondents remain committed to transforming society, but the *certainties of the past have* been replaced by a significantly more varied approach.

Whether their background was philosophy, economics, history or linguistics, the contributors were forced to face *up to the failure of Marxism* to provide relevant answers. "It would be a crude misunderstanding to imagine that Marxist theory ever played a determining role in any kind of major political decision-making." In other words, it was just a façade and one which came to be perceived as increasingly empty of content.

In looking for alternatives, an attempt was made by one of the papers to categorize the different approaches to social transformation current in Eastern Europe. There are the legalists and liberals on the one hand, whose overall objective is either to place the existing political order on a legal basis or to reform it; on the other hand—and this is where most of the contributors to *Marx in the Fourth Decade* would place themselves—there are the radical reformers, who start from existing political and social *conditions to try to achieve* their aims within that context.

The nature of the various groups on the margins of the intelligentsia is examined by János Kenedi, a critic who also happens to be the editor of the *other samizdat* volume. Kenedi argues that the bulk of Hungarian intellectuals have been coopted into the establishment and will not readily rock the boat. But there are certain groups who have come up against the system and who reject co-optation. The role of the radicals and Marxists in this context is to "form an independent unit within the types of marginalization and initiate the setting up of communication among other marginal groups".

The collection edited by Kenedi, called *Profile* (859 pages), is virtually a text-book example of his thesis. In *Profile* he brought together the unpublished articles and writings of 34 intellectuals, mainly non-Marxists. In his introduction, Kenedi analyses the way in which censorship works in Hungary. There is no formal censorship, nor are there regulations on what may be published and what may not; nevertheless, the number of unpublished manuscripts has been growing steadily in recent years.

He describes how a subtle and ultimately demoralizing process of self-censorship operates. Rejection of an article is customarily accompanied by a note from the publisher that "it did not fit our profile". In other words, there is *nothing* that the author can really complain about. Rather more revealing, Kenedi suggests, are the rejection formulas used in conversation. These vary from: "Your piece would trigger off *a major row*" to the more complex, "You want to have this published at the very moment *when it is not at all certain* that Q will be re-elected at the Congress? Your article would be a trump card in W's hands. Not that we like what Q is doing, but he is still better than W."

In practice, there are certain ill-defined categories for rejection. These are operated through informal mechanisms which rely strongly on self-censorship activated by appeals to an equally ill-defined higher interest. These categories may be taboo subjects, as with the short story in which the main character is a drunken Soviet soldier. One of the articles broke the unwritten rules by flouting convention in another way—it was an unusually frank self-analysis, detailing why the author gave up a comfortable post at a university and took a job in a factory. This implicitly questioned the privileged position of the intelligentsia as a whole. Sometimes the reason was more obviously political, as with the sociological study which looked at the demoralization of Hungarian Gastarbeiter in East Germany or slum life in Budapest.

By bringing these rejected works to a wider readership, *Profile* could demonstrate that rejection was not simply a matter of articles being turned down on a one-off basis, but that there existed a system of censorship with its own internal rules and criteria. These may have been difficult to pin down, but *Profile* clearly showed that censorship was a reality and that its criteria were political.

George Schöpflin

Row over blacklist: Mrs Thatcher seeks details of firms on it

House of Commons

The Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition clashed over the existence of what Mrs Thatcher called a black list of companies said to be in breach of the Government's pay policy.

The Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group was mentioned during the exchanges at question time and Mr Callaghan said he hoped the Opposition and those who might be considering taking the Government to law on this matter, would also consider the impact if wages went away on a runaway race once again with the resulting inflation " which we have so painfully now overcome ". He added that that was what the public were concerned about.

The questioning began when Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C) asked—Has the Prime Minister discussed with the CBI or Neddy how many jobs are threatened by his black list policy, or is he still maintaining it is a figment of the imagination ?

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—This matter was not raised by the representatives of the CBI when I met them yesterday and I did not raise it myself. In view of the small number of companies that have appeared in the newspapers on this issue out of the 600,000 companies that are active, probably it was not though worthwhile to discuss this at the moment.

Mrs Thatcher—Now he has admitted there is a black list, what authority is there for it, as this is a non-statutory incomes policy ? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I did not admit there was a black list. She puts words in my mouth. It is known that there is a group of firms to whom this matter has been put.

Representatives of the Conservative Front Bench are apparently engaged at this moment in a dispute with the Department of Trade on the matter.

Mrs Thatcher—He has given his usual slippery replies. (Conservative cheers.) Is there a black list or how many firms are on it ? (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I did not discuss this when I met the CBI—(Conservative interruptions and shouts of " Answer ".) If Mrs Thatcher wants an answer to that question, she has a perfectly good way of going by either putting down a question to the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Dell).

If she is not satisfied by the answer, there is the perfectly usual fashion of putting a specific question to me by notice. I would then hope to give her the figures that exist on this matter.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C)—How many firms are being blacklisted ? How many more will be blacklisted ? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—There is no secret about this issue. (Conservative cries of " Oh ".) If there is a secret it seems to be a damned badly kept one. (Laughter.)

When I heard on the radio of the unholy alliance between Lord Aldington and Mr Clive Jenkins, I began to think the Government must be right on some of these issues. (Laughter.)

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—If the black list were to exist, what would be the legal basis for its continuation ? (Conservative cheers.)

Can the Prime Minister tell me why the Sun Alliance and London Insurance group should not take the perfectly reasonable management decision to improve the basis of its employees' pensions ?

Mr Callaghan—Any question which begins " Were a black list to exist " is purely hypothetical and clearly I am not called upon to reply.

I understand that the Sun Alliance are proposing to challenge the secret report that has apparently been made and which is so well known to at least two of the directors of the company who sit in this House. (Labour cries of " Oh ".)

Therefore, I have a feeling that any misdeeds that are likely to come out will be quickly made known to the shadow cabinet through the directorships of the right hon gentlemen who sit on the Sun Alliance board. (Labour cheers.)

Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab)—On the subject of black lists, will the Prime Minister discuss with the Leader of the Opposition why she appears to be preventing at least the remnants of progressive opinion in her party from sitting on the all-party joint committee against racialism ? (Labour cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I have no ministerial responsibility for any appointment made by the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr Ivan Stanbrook (Bromley, Orpington, C)—Is not the truth of the black list that the Prime Minister knows that sanctions against these firms are quite unlawful ? (Conservative cheers.)

It only requires these firms with the courage to take the Government to court to bring the whole ramshackle edifice down in ruins.

Mr Callaghan—There cannot be much of an edifice considering the handful of firms involved, against the 600,000 private firms.

I do not want to engage in a discussion on semantics involving the question whether a list is black.

I hope the Opposition and those who may be considering taking the Government to law on this matter will also consider the impact if wages go away on a runaway race once again with the resulting inflation which we have so painfully now overcome. (Labour cheers.) Perhaps the Opposition will consider that aspect of the matter because I can assure them that is what the public are concerned about.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab)—Part of the Edwardes plan for British Leyland involves the synchronization of wage bargaining much of which cannot be negotiated until after July 31 this year.

Therefore, will the Prime Minister appeal to his colleagues to desist from their repetitive comments about the need for a wage policy after July 31 which of necessity must interfere with the Edwardes plan for Leyland and free bargaining which is now to be concluded under that plan ?

Mr Callaghan—I am aware there are many MPs in this House who dislike any process of discussing wages and their future. Let me make it abundantly clear to the House and the people that in the manner in which our industrial society is now composed and conducted it is impossible to discuss any future economic progress of this country without discussing the role that wages and incomes are to play. (Labour cheers.)

Later during questions to Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, about next week's business,

Mrs Thatcher asked—Will he arrange for a statement to be made next week by the appropriate minister about a black list, the authority for it and what sanctions are being operated against which firms ? (Conservative cheers.) He cannot simply carry out a pay policy by threat and without reference to this House.

Mr Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—The House will have heard the reply given by the Prime Minister. He suggested that if Mrs Thatcher put down a question that might be the way to proceed.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C)—Since the Prime Minister is the senior Treasury minister and the black list is to do with holding public expenditure which ministers would answer the questions about the black list next week ?

Mr Foot—He is familiar with the procedures of the House. He can put down a question and see how it is accepted upon the Order Paper.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham and Crawley, C) unsuccessfully sought an adjournment debate on the decision of the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr Dell) to force the Sun Alliance and London Insurance Company to cut their premium rates.

He said the company's headquarters were in Horsham and this was a matter which would affect some hundreds of his constituents.

Unless this matter was debated, the Government would lay an order upon a company which they were not entitled to do.

There was, according to the Government, no statutory policy in existence and yet it was well known that the Government had a black list of firms to which they refused to give either orders or the entitlement to temporary employment subsidy if the firm paid over a limit of 10 per cent.

There was no question of the Sun Alliance breaking the guidelines in any way. It had made an award of 9.9 per cent and it had also improved its pension arrangements.

A specific undertaking was given by the Secretary of State for Social Services on July 18 last that improvements to occupational pension schemes would be freed from pay policy limitations.

The Government had no grounds at all to try to force the Sun Alliance company to reduce its premiums.

Later, on a point of order, Mr Kenneth Clarke (Rushcliffe, C) told the Speaker that he had been endeavouring to table questions to departments about the list and had been encountering difficulties of order in getting them tabled.

Ye asked the Speaker to rule whether it was in order for departments to be asked to name companies on departments' black lists and why they were blacklisted.

He also asked whether it was in order for departments to be asked to update information given in a written reply on January 12 which said that the number of firms currently blacklisted was 19.

That answer (he said) is being taken as blocking later questions about the number on the black list (Conservative protests.)

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—I never like answering off the cuff and will answer tomorrow.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 11: Private Members' Bills: Estate Agents Bill, Sale of Salmon Bill, and Rating Bill, second readings.

Foreign Secretary says that talks with leaders of the Patriotic Front were not a search for peace at any price in Rhodesia

The armed struggle in Rhodesia is likely to continue for the present because the parties to the dispute there seem unwilling to compromise, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a statement. He was reporting on his meeting in Malta on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with Ambassador Young of the United States, the Resident Commissioner designate, Lord Carver, and leaders of the Patriotic Front. Lieutenant-General Prem Chand, representative designated by the United Nations Secretary General, also took part in the talks.

Dr Owen said: The purpose of my talks with the Patriotic Front was, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 415, to enter into discussions concerning the military and associated arrangements necessary to effect the transition to majority rule in Rhodesia. Whereas discussions on these matters had been held since September with other nationalist leaders and with the regime we had not been able to have detailed talks with the Patriotic Front prior to the Malta meeting.

We achieved a much greater understanding of each other's position and have agreed to consider the points made and to meet again at a time and a place to be decided.

In all these meetings I made clear that her Majesty's Government, supported by the United States Government, have never wavered in their view that the proposals contained in Command Paper 6919 represent the best route to independence for Rhodesia and the surest guarantee of peace and stability there.

On the basis of these proposals we are prepared to accept responsibility for bringing the territory to independence following elections and are resolutely committed to ensure that those elections would be manifestly free and impartial. If we are to shoulder that responsibility we must have an assured and supervised ceasefire and, in cooperation with the United Nations, the control necessary to ensure maintenance of peace and good order during the electoral process.

The Anglo/United States initiative depends on the willingness of the parties to the dispute to compromise on their past and present positions, and to allow the people of Zimbabwe as a whole, through fair and free elections, to determine their future.

At present the necessary measure of compromise between the parties is lacking and, tragically and regrettably, it appears inevitable that the armed struggle will for the present continue. The British Government, despite all the obvious difficulties, will continue to work with all the parties, within the framework of the Anglo/United States initiative, for a peaceful settlement.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C)—The statement asserts time after time that the Government are only prepared to cooperate in reaching a peaceful settlement on the basis of his Anglo-American proposals.

Such an attitude appears to us intolerable—(Conservative cheers) —in view of the progress made in the talks in Salisbury where, after all, Mr Smith has acknowledged the need for universal adult suffrage. How can Dr Owen maintain such a position ?

His answers on the question of supervised ceasefires implies that it would only be when the Patriotic Front agrees to stop fighting that he is prepared to move towards a peaceful settlement and give a veto to the Front which is at variance with anything like equity in the issue.

Did he press the Patriotic Front leaders to involve themselves in peaceful and orderly discussion with other nationalist leaders in Rhodesia ? If not, why not ?

In view of the many reports to that effect, will he say whether he communicated with nationalist leaders in Rhodesia with a view to hindering the talks there in some way ?

Dr Owen—On the first point about whether I am only prepared to cooperate on the basis of the Anglo-American proposals, I did not say that. I said it offered the best solution. (Conservative shouts of " Why ? ")

I have constantly made clear that the talks in Salisbury have made progress. The acceptance of " one man, one vote " was an important change in Mr Smith's position and one of the central demands in the Anglo-American initiative.

As to saying that progress can be made only when the Patriotic Front agrees, it is a fact that while two armies fight each other, we need both sides to agree to a ceasefire. A ceasefire between two armies, neither of which has won or lost, is extremely difficult to achieve. History shows that. One should strive to do this, however.

On whether I urged the Patriotic Front to talk to other nationalist leaders, yes and I have done so constantly and continuously. This division of opinion in the nationalist leadership is one of the most serious problems facing Rhodesia and is one reason it has always been difficult to achieve a solution.

The answer to whether I hindered negotiations in Salisbury, is " No ". I communicated with all parties to the Geneva talks.

All parties have a right to be consulted, whether inside or outside Rhodesia. (Conservative shouts of " Why outside ? ")

Bishop Muzorewa denied categorically that any message from us had any influence on his decision to leave the talks. Anyone who knows him knows that he is a man of his own opinion and will make up his own mind.

Mr Davies—How does Dr Owen reconcile what he has said with this in his statement: " On the basis of these proposals we are prepared to accept responsibility for bringing the territory to independence. . . . " That means on the basis of these proposals, yes and on the basis of other proposals, no. How can he reconcile those statements ?

Dr Owen—The reconciliation is easy. In the proposals in the White Paper, 6919, for the first time ever, the British Government have accepted that on the basis of those proposals we would assume administrative authority in Rhodesia, a colony we have never administered.

The House would not wish this Government or any Government to assume responsibility for administration if we were still in a situation of armed conflict. The basis of White Paper 6919 was that there should be a ceasefire and a peaceful settlement.

I do not think the House would wish us to assume responsibility while there is still armed struggle. That is the central point. It is the responsibility of this House and Government to pursue a peaceful settlement and to try to achieve a ceasefire. That is difficult.

Mr Winston Churchill (Stretford, C) made a remark inaudible in the Press Gallery and Dr Owen retorted: Mr Churchill should remember how his illustrious grandfather talked.

Mr Churchill—He did not want peace at any price.

Dr Owen—This is not peace at any price, either. I can assure the House of that. The House has to recognize that in the past, Foreign Secretaries have had to talk to people in places like Kenya, Cyprus, and Israel, who included freedom fighters. It is our job to reach a decision.

Mr Arthur Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab)—I urge him to persist in putting forward the Anglo-American proposals, which I think would be the best hope of securing peace in Rhodesia. Unless the Patriotic Front is associated with a settlement of the Rhodesian problem, there can be no lasting peace.

Dr Owen—I believe progress has been made. The House tends to forget the situation a year ago. There was no agreement on one man one vote, black majority rule or a Bill of Rights. There has been substantial movement.

The main problem is that while the armed struggle continues it is hard to see a peaceful settlement with elections taking place to gain a fair measure of opinion in Rhodesia on the future Zimbabwe.

It surely must be in our interest to continue to talk and to try to achieve agreement, but it has to be based on viable proposals. In order to shoulder the heavy responsibility of administration in Rhodesia, we have to have an assured ceasefire and assurances on security.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—Do we not have to accept that the Malta talks ended in almost total stalemate ? Was there any discussion on the form of the provisional government leading to independence ?

Are the Patriotic Front still demanding power should be handed over to them before elections and would he agree it would be totally wrong to hand over from an existing minority to a new one, which could be just as dangerous ? Is there any possibility of a caretaker administration of all the parties involved and what would the Patriotic Front's reaction be ?

I accept the objective was to bring all parties into the talks. If we were faced with a brutal choice between those who wanted a solution through force and those negotiating through peaceful means we would have no alternative but to settle with the latter.

Dr Owen—I agree with the last point. Although we should pursue peace up to the last moment I envisage a situation in which we must consider recognizing a government which had assumed power while there was still a conflict. We have to assess that decision on the basis of how many people voted in the election and whether the government was reasonably representative. The whole House would hope that situation could be avoided.

We dealt with the absolute powers of the resident commissioner under a governing council and a United Nations role. These proposals will soon be in the hands of all the parties, including Mr Smith. I believe we have reached some measure of agreement on the criticisms from inside and outside Rhodesia.

The Patriotic Front have issued a statement today in which they say they stand by the principle that the guarantor of the irreversibility of the transitional process should be the Patriotic Front's liberation forces.

I do not accept that. It disagrees fundamentally with the Anglo-American initiative. I believe it has got to be achieved by agreement, with an interim transitional period which is fair to all parties who should have confidence in the measures taken so that they would all have a fair chance in the election. I will stand by that principle.

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C)—If it is a question of peace or justice, will he make it clear we are even more concerned with bringing about justice and if we have to choose between the two, justice will be the priority of the House with the fulfilment of the six principles to which governments of both parties have agreed.

The parties in Salisbury and Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe have all turned down his plan and we have to think of something new. Is there not something to be said for putting his support behind the internal settlement ?

If this is so, once a settlement is achieved he should try to see whether the Patriotic Front could possibly be reconciled to it. Could this not be a more positive approach ?

Dr Owen—If confronted with the choice between peace and justice I think he is right and the House would choose justice. He must recognize it is a difficult choice. (Conservative interruptions.) If you can achieve peace, you are better placed to achieve justice.

I do not agree all parties have turned down the Anglo-American initiative. Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Sithole have discussed the settlement inside Rhodesia within the context of the initiative. They have argued for it, as witnessed by Bishop Muzorewa's attitude in the last few days.

The Patriotic Front have spoken of progress being made within the framework of the Anglo-American proposals. Mr Smith seemed to accept them at one stage. The South Africans did not rule out that they were the route to peace.

It is not inconceivable to think that both Mr Smith and South Africa could come round to thinking that this is the route to peace.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C)—His decision to invite leaders of the Patriotic Front to Malta and his decision to invite leaders of marxist Mozambique to the same conference have given the impression that he has much more sympathy with a totalitarian marxist solution than to a solution based on the rule of law.

Can he assure the House, bearing in mind that the cruelty which has been perpetrated by the terrorists in Rhodesia is mainly against the Queen's black subjects, he did call upon the leaders of the Patriotic Front to desist from terrorism ?

Dr Owen—I condemn atrocities and cruelty from all sides, but this House knows that in that type of war they will occur directly. I wish this fighting to end. I have never by any word encouraged the continuation of the violence.

On marxism, I cannot help if he and others wish to spread that myth and if Tory MPs wish to throw this allegation at me. It is false, untrue and unworthy. (Loud Labour cheers.)

One of the problems the House does not realize sufficiently (he added later) is the danger of ing the present situation wi siderable bodies of armed m side Rhodesia, in Zambi Mozambique and at times in other states such as Tan This is potentially an ex dangerous situation.

One of the dangers of an i solution being implemented out a ceasefire is that it cou over into a nasty fight in so Africa and involve outside p Mr John Mendelson (Pem Lab)—Every spokesman fr Conservatives is seeking to mine a major initiative of th tish Government.

Dr Owen—I will not waver determination to strive for p have made it clear peace can come about through many ferent methods. It does not n exactly follow one particula down process.

If we were to give up the for a ceasefire and give t peaceful solution wh emerged would be a great worse.

Mr Churchill—He does not for the British people—(Labo terruptions)—in his peace a price policy. The British p want the solution of the box, not of the gun. The B people resent his crawlines October to the Soviet Uni this regard and they resen recent cavortings with the t ist leaders in the Mediterra

Is he seriously saying th and the British Government only back the internal sett in Rhodesia if it has the bless the terrorist leaders and Soviet paymasters ?

Dr Owen did not reply.

After the statement had repeated in the House of L Lord George-Brown said—Ma us fear that the Foreign Secr is allowing himself to drift i position in which he is not m seeking to work with all p but showing rather excep priority and almost partisa for those who boast of their p to kill and to conduct a bloody struggle.

In the statement the " Patriotic Front " were used solemn way to mean only the proclaimed guerrillas and rorists. Nothing nearly so dign was ever applied to Bi Muzorewa, Mr Sithole and Chirau.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Min of State for Foreign and Com wealth Affairs—I cannot agree his reservations could apply t purpose and performance of Foreign Secretary. Nobody is dedicated to achieving a pea and orderly transition of pow Rhodesia than Dr Owen.

He added later—The Patr Front has not a monopoly of triotism in regard to Rhod

An Act needed before European Assembly gets extra powers

When the European Assembly Elections Bill was further considered in committee discussion continued on an amendment moved on January 12 to replace the single-transferable vote system proposed for Northern Ireland with the simple majority system which applied to the rest of the United Kingdom.

Mr Gerard Fitt (Belfast, West, SDLP) said the Ulster Unionists believed they could win two seats in Northern Ireland under the first-past-the-post system, but they had doubts about winning a third. Democrats that they were, they had an amendment down to reduce the number of seats from three to two and this displayed unbelievable arrogance.

In putting forward their proposals for three seats and proportional representation in Northern Ireland, the Government were saying that the area could not be treated like any other part of the United Kingdom.

Mr James Molyneaux (South Antrim, UU) said the Unionists had sought assurances and undertakings that Northern Ireland should be treated in exactly the same way as the rest of the United Kingdom. It should be given no more and no less than other parts of the United Kingdom. They had asked only for fair representation.

They had taken account of the view put to them that Northern Ireland ought to accept three seats and had decided not to move their amendment to reduce the number of seats from three to two.

They took account of the feeling that it ought to be possible for the non-unionists in Northern Ireland to return a representative from one of the three seats if they so desired. They subscribed to the view that at least they should be given the opportunity to do so.

He hoped this gesture would be a contribution to a more reasonable approach and might contribute to a certain defusing of the political situation in Northern Ireland. They believed that a combination of three seats, with the first-past-the-post method of voting, would be the best solution.

It was their policy that Northern Ireland should no be different in any way from the rest of the United Kingdom.

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary (Leeds, South, Lab) said Northern Ireland was a part of the United Kingdom, but a special part. It was different and the basis on which politics was conducted in Britain did not apply there. One had to find a different way of dealing with Northern Ireland but that in no way meant that it was a lesser part or one that could be pushed aside.

If they were to deal with the Province in a proper way they must sometimes have unusual ways of dealing with it.

Mr Douglas Hurd, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs (Mid-Oxon, C), said they agreed with the theme embodied in the amendment. The elections they were discussing were quite different from any other elections held there. The comparisons with other elections were not valid.

If we persist in treating Northern Ireland as abnormal and exceptional in all circumstances (he said) then we shall make it more likely that the abnormal and exceptional features will be perpetuated. Surely we should be trying to reduce what is exceptional in the circumstances of Northern Ireland.

Where elections of this kind are held for the first time throughout the United Kingdom on the same day it would be unwise to hold them under a different system in Ulster than the rest of the United Kingdom.

The amendment was rejected by 241 votes to 150—Government majority, 91.

The clause was carried by 170 votes to 59—Government majority.

Number of seats: On Clause 2 (Number of representatives), Mr George Reid (East Stirlingshire and Clackmannan, Scot Nat) moved an amendment to increase the number of United Kingdom representatives at the assembly from 81 to 89.

He said he was proposing 16 seats for Scotland, instead of the eight in the Bill. He was not suggesting that the English should be robbed of eight, to double the Scots' number. He was putting down a marker for the future. Scotland should have parity when independent.

Scotland and Denmark had populations of the same size, and Denmark had double Scotland's representation. Southern Ireland had half the population of Scotland but would get 15 members. A Scotsman would be worth a third of an Irishman or half a Dane.

Mr Brynmor John Minister of State, Home Office, said that one European MP in Northern Ireland would represent 344,000 electors; in Scotland 473,000; in Wales 514,000; and in England 516,000.

He accepted Wales and Scotland as nations, but not as nation states.

The amendment was rejected by 132 votes to 47—Government majority, 85, and the clause was carried by 122 votes to 47—Government majority, 75.

Powers of assembly: Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, moved a New Clause (Parliamentary approval of treaties increasing assembly powers) which stated that no treaty which provided for any increase in the powers of the assembly should be ratified by the United Kingdom unless it had been approved by an Act of Parliament. Treaty included any international agreement, and any protocol or annex to a treaty or international agreement.

He said that the new clause fulfilled an undertaking given earlier relating to parliamentary approval of treaties increasing the powers of the European Assembly. Many MPs believed that direct elections meant movement towards federalism and that the powers of the Commons would be eroded through the extension of those of the assembly without their being adequate consideration of the issues in Parliament.

The Government had never accepted that the Community should develop into a federation. They were determined to uphold the rights of national Government and Parliament.

The reality of parliamentary control already existed beneath the Royal Prerogative but its lack of visibility was a definite drawback.

The Government had decided that in this sensitive area it was necessary and right to modify the constitutional procedures. They were therefore proposing in the clause that there should now be a statutory fetter on the Royal Prerogative to negotiate and ratify treaties.

The new clause would prohibit ratification of any treaty extending the powers of the assembly without prior parliamentary approval.

Mr David Howell, for the Opposition (Guildford, C) said he wanted to be satisfied that the new clause could do the job intended for it and whether it would meet some of the difficulties raised by MPs.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU) said there were no powers which the European Assembly could gain which were not at the expense of Westminster. Power gained by one authority must be at the expense of some authority or authorities. Power was not just existing in the atmosphere unclaimed.

The very existence of a directly elected European Assembly was bound to reduce the powers and significance of the Commons. It was not the scrutiny by the Commons that would be strengthened by the assembly. The scrutiny and control of the Commons over EEC legislation would be destroyed by such an institution because the two could not exist together.

Mr Callaghan's warning on N Ireland

The Opposition seemed desirous of ending what had been the national approach on some issues, Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, said at question time.

Mr Gerald Fitt (Belfast, West, SDLP) had asked him to comment on the statement issued yesterday by the shadow spokesman on Northern Ireland (Mr Airey Neave) which, he said, had apparently led to a breakdown in the bipartisan approach which had persisted for so many years.

Is it still the Government's intention (he said), irrespective of the conclusions which may be arrived at by the Conservative Party, to continue to pursue a just political institution in Northern Ireland which embraces the whole community ?

Mr Callaghan—The Opposition seem desirous of ending what has been a national approach on some of these matters. In the case of Northern Ireland I hope that national approach can be sustained and maintained, as it has been for the last seven years. What is important in any arrangements for the future administration of government of Northern Ireland is that all the communities should have the feeling of fully sharing in that administration or government, otherwise we shall be back to the situation before 1970.

Police pay not only answer

No one should run away with the idea that if the police were paid more large numbers of officers would suddenly appear on the streets and the problem of law and order would disappear, Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, said during question time.

He hoped something would be done about police pay. It was undoubtedly a factor in most police forces being under strength

Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and spokesman on home affairs—He says an increase in police pay would not automatically result in more police on the beat—lack of pay is certainly resulting in fewer police on the beat all the time.

When does the Home Secretary expect to get the report of the Lord Edmund-Davies committee ?

Mr Rees—I cannot answer. I want a report that will stand the test of time. The 1961 report did that. In the statutory policy of a couple of years ago arrangements were specially made and the police had a 30 per cent pay increase when other people had far less.

Heavier sentence by crown court defended

The Government had no intention to amend the law to prevent crown courts, when hearing appeals from magistrates' courts, from imposing harsher sentences in cases where appeals against summary conviction failed, Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office, said. Such appeals, he added, unlike those heard in the Court of Appeal, were in effect new trials.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) asked if the Home Secretary would introduce measures to ensure that no appeals against conviction would result in harsher sentences being imposed in some courts.

Mr John (Pontypridd, Lab)—This is in effect the position as regards appeals to the Court of Appeal. An appeal to a crown court, however, is different. It is a complete rehearing of the case and the appropriate sentence in an individual case is within the limits prescribed by law, and a matter to be decided by the court. We have no proposal to amend the law in that respect.

Mr Skinner—Surely it is a scandal that Christopher Royes, a Bradford student who appealed against a fine imposed by a magistrates' court arising out of supposedly obstructing the police at Grunwick, was put in jail when he appealed.

If that does not apply to other courts, especially those used by people with brass who start off at a different level, surely the system is wrong. Is it not being used as a deterrent against people arising out of matters at Grunwick ? Should not this anomaly be removed ?

Mr John—There are many misconceptions in Mr Skinner's question.

The first is that the Court of Appeal deals with cases on the basis of facts already heard. An appeal to a crown court from a magistrates' court is by way of rehearing, when all the facts are given again. So it is a new trial and the court which retries the should have powers within limits prescribed by the law that offence, to impose an ap priate sentence.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (T too, C)—Is not the case that decision by a past Parliamen remove from the Court of Ap the power to increase sente has resulted in too many pe appealing against conviction cases without merit with the re that people with genuine meri their appeal have to wait too l before their appeal is heard ?

Mr John—But who can ju which case does and does not h merit ? It is subjective. It se that everyone who is convi believes he should have been cessful at his appeal.

Mr George Rodgers (Chor Lab)—Will he have a special l at this case ? It has caused a gr deal of disturbance. The young who has been sentenced to could have his whole car affected. Will Mr John give t undertaking ?

Mr John—As I have said, minist do not interfere with what is matter for a judicial decis alone. I certainly, therefore, not comment on an individ case.

With regard to the Court Appeal there is no proposal to g them powers to increase sentenc

Mr Emyln Hooson (Montgome shire, L)—Would he not agree t it is contrary to the tradition English law and English legal pr tice to increase sentences wh there is an appeal against conv tion ?

Judges tend to vary in their vi of certain cases and a man shou not risk differing sentences befo two different tribunals.

Mr John—That would be mo accurate if it did not proceed way of a new trial—taking in t crown court an appeal which co cerns a rehearing of the case.

Cost of custody

Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said: The Government estimate that in 1977-78 the average weekly cost of keeping a person in custody will be about £96. A wholly comparable calculation for probation is not possible, but I estimate that the current cost is about £4.

Royal Assent

The Dioceses Measure and the Parochial Registers and Records Measure received Royal Assent.

Judgment on birching awaited

Though he had strong views on th use of judicial corporal punish ment, which he opposed, the issu of birching in the Isle of Man w best left alone until the judgmen of the European Court of Huma Rights was delivered, Mr Merly Rees, Home Secretary, said.

He added that Britain' adherence to the European Convention on Human Rights di not alter the constitutional rela tionship between the mainland an the Isle of Man in relation to it internal affairs.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East Lab) asked for a statement on the continued use of birching as a punishment in the Isle of Man.

Mr Rees—Pending the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in a current case this remains a domestic matter for consideration by the Isle of Man Government.

Mr Clemitson—If the Isle of Man Government will not itself end this practice, will he initiate action in this House to do so ?

Mr Rees—It would be better to wait and see what happens. It will eventually come back to me to consider. There are wider issues. It is, however, subject upon which I have strong feelings.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU)—Is not the effect of the United Kingdom's adherence to the European Convention on Human Rights in effect to alter the constitutional relationship between the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man in respect to the internal affairs of the Isle of Man

Mr Rees—I do not think it alters it. At the end of the day the relationship is governed by a convention between ourselves and the Isle of Man and what we decide in the end is our own business.

Law on marches could be tightened up

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, said it had emerged from his talks with chief officers of police that there could be some tightening of the law on marches, but he thought it would not make much difference if he simply considered the Public Order Act.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) had asked during question time on how many occasions when the Home Secretary met the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in 1977-78 did he discuss the National Front march in Lewisham and its aftermath ?

In retrospect, the commissioner did make an error of judgment in not applying to have that march banned. Has the Home Secretary begun his review of the legal position and would he announce any future legislation to tighten up the Public Order Act ?

Mr Rees (Leeds, South, Lab)—On the Public Order Act and the wider issue caused by the amendment to it under the Race Relations Act, I have talked to the chief officers concerned. It is emerging that there could be some tightening up of that, if that is the right word. My view is that it would not make much difference to the situation if one simply considered the Public Order Act.

I have discussed the matter with the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis at my regular meetings. Officials of my police department have discussed it on a day-to-day basis with the Yard.

My view is that if, and it is one factor, the commissioner had decided to ban the march at Lewisham, in effect he was saying that all marches in the Metropolitan area would have had to be banned because of the dangers involved if law and order is to be maintained. If the answer is " No "; in that case, every time that is the answer a march, whatever it was, would have to be banned.

Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Penrith and the Border, C)—I would agree with him when he says there are great dangers in banning marches by one organization and not regarding what many other organizations do at the same time.

Provocation in these matters is dangerous, but the right to march must be preserved and the law should be preserved, and that is the job of the Metropolitan Commissioner.

Mr Rees—While that is the case, there is no point in having the law as it is in 1936 as a result of the then fascist Mosley marches in the east end of London. There must be occasions when Parliament thinks it would be right to ban a march. That has been done on a number of occasions. There is a difficult judgment to make.

I am simply saying that within the Metropolitan area a judgment simply on the basis of law and order with all the trouble that might accrue—it has ramifications for all marches—and the commissioner has to take that into account in making his recommendation to me.

Next week's business : blacklist debate

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Debate on Private Member's motion on Soviet aims in Africa. Motion on broadcasting of proceedings. Motion on third report of Committee of Privileges in 1976-77.

Tuesday: Debate on pay policy " blacklisting " of companies.

Wednesday: Further progress in committee on European Assembly Elections Bill.

Thursday: Inner Urban Areas Bill, second reading.

Friday: Private Members' Bills: Protection of Children; Armed Forces (Repossession of Dwellings); Companies, all second readings.

The main business in the House of Lords next week will be:

Tuesday: Suppression of Terrorism Bill, second reading. Debate on EEC Committee report on research and development.

Wednesday: Debate on North Sea oil and on the firemen's strike.

Thursday: Education (Northern Ireland) Bill report. Debate on helicopter industry and on option mortgage scheme.

Lord Chancellor to supervise Ulster courts

House of Lords

Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancellor, said he had decided to accept the ultimate responsibility for the new court service in Northern Ireland. He was replying to an amendment intended to have this effect which was moved when the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill was considered in committee.

Lord Belstead, moving the amendment for the Opposition, said that since direct rule began in 1972 overall responsibility for the Northern Ireland court services had been shouldered by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. The effect of the amendment would be to place the ultimate responsibility for the unified court service established by the Bill with the Lord Chancellor.

The person and office of the Lord Chancellor were a guarantee, and were seen as a guarantee, of the independence of the judicial process. He also occupied an office of great and historic importance: an office which was seen to uphold the independence of the courts. Nowhere was it more crucial than in Northern Ireland that this independence should remain, and be seen to remain, unimpaired.

Brought in increasing numbers to trial, terrorists and criminals often operating under the cloak of terrorism were forced to fall back on the only last desperate option they had: to try to discredit the law. The thorough provisions of this Bill would be proof against any such criticism, provided ultimate responsibility for all the courts rested with the Lord Chancellor.

On the occasion of this major judicature Bill, the first restructuring of the Supreme Court for more than 100 years, he hoped the Government would feel able to accept the rather back-handed compliment intended by this amendment. It would mean extra work for the Lord Chancellor and his office, but it would be seen as the touchstone of that independence and integrity of Northern Ireland courts which had been maintained so resolutely by Bench and Bar during the testing time of recent years.

Lord Elwyn-Jones said he continued to have restrvations about the proposal that the responsible minister should be the Lord Chancellor, particularly in view of his conviction that the independence of the judiciary, to which he of course attached fundamental importance, was well safeguarded by the provisions of the Bill as they were.

However (he went on) in view of the strong and flattering representations so graciously made to me by Lord Belstead and others inside and outside the House, and in particular from the whole of the judiciary in Northern Ireland and, I understand, the legal profession there who have made it clear they are most anxious I should be the minister responsible, I have agreed to accept this responsibility and have agreed with the Secretary of State that that should be the outcome of our deliberations.

He agreed with the view expressed in an editorial in *The Times* yesterday that in practice this issue concerned appearance more than reality. He was glad to see it said in that editorial that it was not seriously supposed that the Secretary of State would take the scarcely visible opportunity the arrangement would give him to tip the scales of justice.

I would like to make it clear (he continued) that in undertaking the responsibility, as I do, I do not for one moment accept there is any validity in any suggestion that were the Secretary of State to have responsibility he would exercise his responsibilities otherwise than with complete propriety.

The conclusion that I have come to (he added) is that if the fact of the Lord Chancellor having ultimate responsibility and answerability to Parliament for the administration of justice would strengthen confidence in the courts and in that administration, a confidence which is all-important in the conditions of Northern Ireland, I am now content to accept the responsibility.

Lord Belstead said he accepted that some of the consequential amendments might be defective and he would withdraw them on the understanding that the Government would revise them to ensure that the drafting of the Bill was satisfactory and that the Government list of amendments would be introduced before the Bill completed all stages in the House.

The Lord Chancellor—I give that assurance.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The committee stage was concluded.

The Gun Barrel Proof Bill, Medical Bill, Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill (Consolidation) and Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill (Consolidation) were read the third time and passed.

House adjourned, 5.51 pm.

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decision whether cricketers the Kerry Packer organiza should be picked for future matches was left to each dual country by the Interna Cricket Conference at its l two-day meeting, which yesterday at Lord's. In nd, each county will have to whether they select their r players this summer. This the main effect of the ons, announced siumltane last night by the ICC and the h Test and County Cricket that they would not be ling against the High Court t they lost to Mr Packer.

e the ICC and TCCB decided it appealing, their announce followed the only pattern to them as laid down in Mr e Slade's judgment. Many anguished committee meet lie ahead, particularly in nd where most of Mr r's leading non-Australian ters play in the county onship.

feelings which might be ed amongh other players in dressing-rooms could be nt. There was eivdence of can be termed "player " in Pakistan last month the England team made it in no uncertain manner they would not approve of an including their Packer rofes. "The reverberations unhappiness, regrettably, are om finished.

r counties, one suspects will compunctions about retain heir Packer players if it is ole, remembering the initial ons expressed by several ils last November within of Mr Packer's High Court y. Many of the overseas rs particularly, represent country's main drawing in terms of crowd attrac and membership. Greig, of e, remains a special case and well feel his future cricket r lay outside England. He l as much yesterday in an alian newspaper.

it, with Asif Iqbal (their iu), Knott, Underwood and mer all on the Packer pay will discuss what action to at a general committee ng next Tuesday. Richards, idge and Roberts all have years of their contracts with shire to run and the county ittee will discuss the future weekend. Lancashire will not Clive Lloyd's future until their annual meeting on ary 16.

k Bailey, the ICC secretary, that the need for the best ests of cricket to be served had dictated the conference's decision against an appeal. The ICC had been guided by two legal opinions and had been advized that they had reasonable grounds for an appeal on some issues. But there was no guarantee of success, the risk of incurring further heavy costs had been a factor and it was felt it would be churlish to appeal for the sake of appealing.

Mr Bailey pointed out that every country's circumstances varied and the ICC had decided it would be best to leav individual sets of selectors to make their own decision. They were not in a position to dictate otherwise. He declined to comment on how each country might treat the issue but said there had been no pressure put on West Indies, who had previously announced that they would be selecting their Packer players for the forthcoming series with Australia.

The ICC agreed unanimously that there should be no unilateral dealings with Mr Packer. If any proposals came from Mr Packer to an individual member, involving, for instance, rearrangement of tour dates, the matter would be referred to the ICC.

Mr Bailey said that the ICC had had no contact with Mr Packer. "We have not considered making an approach ourselves. We are, however, absolutely solid and united in the ICC and any negotiations with World Series Cricket [Mr Packer's organization] will be dealt with by the ICC as a body."

Mr Bailey admitted that there would be differehces in how each country picked its Test teams in future. There had, however, been a great deal of constructive talking at the meeting and each individual country would be looking at the question of revising the contracts of their Test players. As expected, the estimatetd costs of around £250,000 from the High Court case will be shared equally between the ICC and the TCCB.

A spokesman said that the TCCB would not be making any individual rulings to English counties about their Packer players and England selection would be left entirely in the hands of the English selectors. The selectors would presumably have to take in to account any county players who made it known that he was not available to tour with England in the winter.

The TCCB were already considering strongly the possibility of introducing contracts which gave England first option at all times on a cricketer's services. The spokesman admitted that whether the players signed or not, any new form of contract would, as always, be a matter for the ndividual.



Radley: struck on the head and had to receive attention.

Game becomes lottery on nightmare of pitch

New Plymouth, Feb 2.—England, with a first innings lead of 98, slumped to 71 for seven when they batted again here today on a pitch that suddenly broke up to produce alarming lift and sharp spin. At the close on the second day of their three-day match against the Central Districts XI, England held a lead of 169.

England's off-spin bowlers, Miller and Cope, are keen to try their luck on a pitch that has turned the game into a lottery. The strip crumbled after the use of a heavy roller and Rose and Radley found balls rearing off a length when England began their second innings.

Radley was hit on the head and had to receive attention for five minutes and Rose twice received painful blows on the stomach. Batting was a nightmare, particularly when the ball began to turn, and O'Sullivan, formerly with Hampshire, three for nine off 7.5 overs. Rose and Randall were top scorers with 13, Radley made 11, and Roope and Gatting were both dismissed for 10.

Central Districts, 29 for no wicket overnight, quickly lost their Test opener, Anderson, caught by Downton off Willis for 10. Willis, the acting captain, and Lever h adCentral Districts reeling at 85 for five after an hour and a half, with Willis taking three wickets and Lever two.

Edwards, the wicketkeeper, gave local supporters some hope while the wickets were falling by hitting Willis for four boundaries in one over. The flurry ended when he was bowled for 17 by Lever. Miller and Old mopped up the tail after lunch.

Miller's off-spin bowling is probably England's best chance of winning the match tomorrow. He took three for 56 in Central Districts' first innings when the pitch was not as responsive. Old took two for eight, Willis three for 45 and Lever two for 34.

O'Sullivan started England's batting slide when he had Radley, who is out of form, caught in the slips. Central Districts' other spin bowler, Bracewell, claimed the key wicket of Gatting, who scored 66 in the first innings. Gatting was caught at silly point but seemed unhappy with the decision.

At the end of the day Boycott, England's captain who left himself out of the side, practised alongside the pitch with the help of local bowlers. Boycott said he was not unduly worried by the collapse because the pitch would have made batting difficult for anyone.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS: First Innings
R. W. Anderson, c Downton, b Willis .. 10
I. A. Rutherford, c Downtown, b Lever .. 29
M. J. F. Shrimpton, b Willis .. 4
M. Toynbee, c Old, b Miller .. 30
†G. N. Edwards, b Lever .. 17
T. Horne, hit wkt, b Willis .. 12
I. Smith, c Lever, b Miller .. 28
D. W. Bracewell, b Miller .. 26
D. R. O'Sullivan, b Old .. 31
D. C. Aberhart, c Downton, b Old .. 0
A. B. Jordan, not out .. 1
Extras (b 2, n-b 8) .. 10
Total .. 198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—30, 2—48, 3—48, 4—66, 5—85, 6—118, 7—150, 8—195, 9—196, 10—198.

BOWLING: Willis, 10—1—45—3; Lover, 13—0—34—2; Miller, 11.5—1—56—3; Cope, 12—1—45—0; Old, 6—0—8—2.

ENGLAND: First Innings, 296 for 6 dec (M. Gatting 66, G. Roope 56, C. Old 55 not out).

Second Innings
B. C. Rose, c Horne, b Aberhart .. 13
C. T. Radley, c Anderson, b O'Sullivan .. 11
D. W. Randall, c O'Sullivan, b Aberhart .. 13
G. J. R. Roope, c Aberhart, b Sullivan .. 10
M. W. Gatting, c Anderson, b Bracewell .. 10
G. Miller, c Edwards, b O'Sullivan .. 5
C. M. Old, c Bracewell, b Jordan .. 0
G. A. Cope, not out .. 0
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 5) .. 3
Total (7 wkts) .. 71

†P. R. Downton, J. K. Lever, *R. D. G. Willis to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—26, 2—34, 3—50, 4—55, 5—71, 6—71, 7—71.

BOWLING (to date): Jordan, 10—4—20—1: Aberhart, 11—3—25—2; O'Sullivan, 7.5—3—9—3; Bracewell, 1—0—8—1.—Reuter.

ji in 1979 World Cup

cket's second World Cup in in England will be sponsored e Prudential and will have ifferent format from the ural event three years ago. dition to the six Test-match g countries, a second com on, to find two other par nts, will take place earlier en the 14 associate members e International Cricket Con e.

y include Sri Lanka and East , who made up the num last time, Denmark, the l States, Canada, the Netherlands, Fiji and Gibraltar. They wil play a series of one-day matches on grounds where first-class cricket is not regularly seen.

In 1975, when the first World Cup proved an enormous success, Sri Lanka and East Africa were invited as probably being the strongest areas outside the Test-playing countries. The new system will not only stimulate interest before the main competition, but will also provide a chance for all the ICC's associate mebers to show their strength in places not usually associated with the game.

ndians are poised 131 runs short of miracle

hn Woodcock
et Correspondent
ide, Feb 2

India to have scored the hey need to win the fifth natch against Australia, one ir batsmen probably had to a large hundred or two of to make smaller ones. In vent, Viswanath scored 73, arkar 78 and Amarnath 86. igh by doing so they d a commendable total and ital day's cricket, it ended ndia facing defeat. At 362 x, they are still 131 runs of their target.

n the last hour started, the n was mounting. Were India, 320 for four, going to pull ? Give them a lovely, day, a perfect batting plenty of time and no bowling to worry about son was still out of action) they can bat for ever. dia, too, with an hour to ere looking as footsore and d tired as they must have They were there for the —yet it was India who were

ding back on the day, Vis n, Amarnath, Gaekwad and arkar were all out playing hat reckless strokes, the vo in that final hour. The s have made many friends ir tour and done cricket in nter of turmoil a splendid . Today, again, they gave ch to admire, even if in the they were a little dis ned not to have done.

At 323 Gaekwad, driving at Yardley, was well caught and bowled, a low catch to the bowler's right, and at 348 Vengsarkar, looking to take advantage of a jaded attack, was caught at long on. With three of today's four wickets, Yardley was the pick of the bowlers, and, although the temperature passed the century, Australia stuck to it well in the field. It would never do for them not to, with Simpson setting the example he does.

Having played with great care and skill this morning, when India added 84 runs without losing a wicket, Viswanath was out to the new ball, 20 minutes after lunch. Driving foolhardily at Clark, he was beautifully caught by Simpson, diving to his right at first slip. For a man of 42 (he is 42 tomorrow to be precise) who had already bowled 11 overs today and, as captain, seen some problems building up, it was a remarkable catch. Oh yes, and he has a cracked little finger as well.

Viswanath's innings was in keeping with his reputation. A fine, little player, he is prevented by lapses of concentration from making the large scores he should. His batting, and Vengsarkar's today, provided more aesthetic pleasure than any in the match, yet it was a pity to get out as he did. In eight of his nine innings in the series, Viswanath has reached 35 but never advanced beyond the 80's. He had been, all the same, a delight to watch.

For the third wicket, Viswanath and Amarnath added 131. Amarnath made an anxious start today. His favourite country is the on side. To pin him down, Simpson placed three deep short legs to Yardley's off spin, all in front of the wicket, perhaps 18 yards from the bat. Amarnath found them inhibiting. In two hours this morning, he scored only 21 to Viswanath's 54, but he battled on, the only man, woman or child on the ground to be wearing a sweater. I have been in Australia for nine days now and have yet to see a cloud.

By this afternoon, some of Amarnath's forces through the covers off the back foot were in Peter May's class. With an average of 50, he has had as good a series as he had a disappointing time against Greig's MCC side a year ago. It is good to have seen here how well both he and Vengsarkar can play when they get away from their own poor wickets. Without Thomson, who is still sparing his damaged hamstring, Australia's attack looked perilously thin on the best Adelaide wicket I have seen for some years.

How strange to hear from Prasanna that Yardley has not been talking to him about bowling. All round the world Prasanna has bowled his off breaks with success. In perfect batting conditions, the best off spin bowling I have seen was by him in Jamaica, against West Indies in 1971. Prasanna has a great fund of knowledge and experience and guile on which Yardley might have drawn.

Shortly before tea Amarnath was out. If was that nagging leg theory of Yardley's that undid him. The ring of deep short legs had been increased from three to four and it was in lofting one over the top of them that he was caught at deep square leg. That was 25 minutes before tea. For the next 90 minutes Vengsarkar and Gaekwad stayed together, Vengsarkar driving beautifully and even defending elegantly.

I was thinking of all those excited millions in India, glued to their transistors and cheering every run, when Gaekwad was out, followed shortly by Vengsarkar. If one of them had stayed, India might have done it tomorrow but, with another new ball not far away, it will be a miracle if they manage it now.

AUSTRALIA: 505 (G. Yallop 121, R. Simpson 100; B. Chandrasekhar 5 for 136) and 256 (R. Darling 56, R. Simpson 51; K. Ghavri 4 for 45, B. Bedi 4 for 58).

INDIA: First Innings 269 (G. Viswanath 89, W. Clark 4 for 62).
Second Innings
S. Gavaskar, c Rixon, b Callen .. 29
C. Chauhan, c Wood, b Yardley .. 32
M. Amarnath, c Callen, b Yardley .. 86
G. Viswanath, c Simpson, b Clark .. 73
D. Vengsarkar, c Toohey, b Yardley .. 78
A. Gaekwad, c and b Yardley .. 12
†S. Kirmani, not out .. 14
K. Ghavri, not out .. 6
Extras (b 6, l-b 11, n-b 15) .. 32
Total (6 wkts) .. 362

E. A. S. Prasanna, *B. S. Bedi, B. S. Chandrasekhar to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—40, 2—79, 3—210, 4—256, 5—323, 6—348.

BOWLING (to date): Callen, 24—2—87—1; Clark, 32—5—59—1; Yardley, 37—6—114—4; Simpson, 19—5—49—0; Cosier, 13—6—21—0.

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replacement ned for ss Taylor

Taylor, a 17-year-old Coventterfly swimmer, has pulled the international swimming g at Paris from February 12 because of influenza. No ement will be nominated.

an 11-strong senior team avel. The ASA have decided t giving experience to other ers. The team is:

ills, D. Cleworth, M. Smith, oble, P. Sparkes, S. Harrison, Beasley, Miss S. Davies, Miss on, Miss M. Houston, Miss M.

East German swimmers are ed to dominate the three-day itional meeting starting at foort, The Netherlands,

an eye on the world champs at West Berlin next . East Germany have sent a ul team, spearheaded by Thümer, the double Olympic medal winner, and Ulrike the Olympic and European ual medley champion. The and European backstroke ion, Birgit Treiber, has withbut the treble European le champion, Barbara , is included.

in's party includes Sue , Cheryl Brazendale, and Houston, all of whom took laces at last year's European onships.

Racing

Time is just right for Broncho

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The Leisure Caravan Parks Handicap Steeplechase should be a fascinating spectacle at Sandown Park today as the build up to the Cheltenham Gold Cup an dthe Grand National begins to gather pace. Of those who stood their ground at the four-day forfeit stage Fort Devon, Shifting Gold and Flitgrove dropped out yesterday leaving a small but select field of six comprising Bachelor's Hall, Royal Frolic, Tied Cottage, Master H, Broncho II and Our Edition.

The presence of Bachelor's Hall is the surprising aspect. On finally his trainer, Peter Cundle, had intended to run him in the Compton Steeplechase at Newbury or in a hurdle race at the same meeting. However, yesterday, Cundell told me that he had had a change of heart for three reasons. Today's race is far more valuable than either of the altercatives at Newbury; Bachelor's Hall would have been getting weight from Fort Devon had that horse run today whereas at Newbury, he would have had to give him weight in the Compton Steeplechase. Then there is the personal angle, Bachelor's Hall is owned by Peter Harris, who is a director of the firm which sponsors today's race and, naturally, Mr Harris is keen to see his horse run in their race.

Cundell assured me that he would not have run Bachelor's Hall today if the horse had not worked so well last weekend. "To be quite frank, he surprised me last Saturday", Cundell commented. Cundell added, though that Bachelor's Hall should be even better on Gold Cup day than he is now because he has been careful to leavt room for improvement. In which case, no one ought to be surprised if Bachelor's Hall fails to give 10lb to Broncho II this afternoon.

Broncho is thought to be cherry ripe by Tony and Michael Dickinson and that supremely successful father and son combination have had today's race in mind for Broncho for some time. They feel that their horse's recent easy victory at Teesside Park will have brought him to his peak at precisely the right time. The Dickinson stable has certainly been in wonderful form of late and on this occasion their confidence is particularly infectious. A year ago, Broncho finished second in this race, beaten a length and a half by Master H to whom he was conceding 7lb. Today, he will be meeting Master H on 6lb better terms, and in theory at least, he should get his revenge.

Royal Frolic finished 14 lengths behind Bachelor's Hall in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day but is clearly much better than that race depicted. He proved as much at Wincanton subsequently, when he beat Royal Marshal II by three lengths. Royal Marshal had himself finished nine lengths in front of Royal Frolic in the Kempton race.

As Royal Frolic will be meeting Bachelor's Hall on 7 lb better terms today it is only reasonable to expect him to run really well without perhaps being quite good enough to give Broncho this amount of weight. That leaves only Tied Cottage and Our Edition. Tied Cottage finished second in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham last March but not before Lanzarotte had fallen and brought down Bannow Rambler and Fort Devon had fallen as well. All in all it was a hollow performance.

This season, Tied Cottage has not run well enough to convince me that he will win today even though he is unlikely to have made the flying visit from Ireland for the benefit of his health. However, Tied Cottage could only finish last in his last race at Punchestown and his form does not inspire confidence.

It would be too much to expect to see Our Edition win a race of this nature on his first appearance. When the weights for the Grand National were published last week, Our Edition's trainer, Stan Mellor, said that he had no complaints with the way that his horse had been treated. In fact, Our Edition was given the same weight in the race at Aintree as he will carry this afternoon. But Mellor was at pains to point out that Our Edition jarred a joint running in the Whitbread Gold Cup last April, and that he has had to tread cautiously with him ever since.

No matter how they fare with Bachelor's Hall in the big race, Cundell and his young jockey, Martin O'Halloran, should not leave the course empty handed. Viewfinder appears to have a good chance of winning the Park Handicap Steeplechase for them, judged on the way that he ran against Bear's Paw at Haydock Park recently.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good to soft. Sedgefield: Heavy. Tomorrow: Wetherby: Heavy. Stratford: Heavy.

Weather threatens three meetings

By Michael Seely

There will be an inspection at Sedgefield at 7.30 this morning to see if racing is possible today. The Clerk of the Course, Kit Egerton, said yesterday: "The frost has started to come out of the ground, and with a mild and dry night there is a strong chance that we will be able to race."

There was no racing in England yesterday. Towcester became the twenty-second casualty of the season when, after an early morning inspection, the fixture was abandoned because of waterlogging. Dennis Bushby said: "After more rain in the night we have no alternative but to call off the meeting."

There are also doubts about Stratford-on-Avon and Wetherby on Saturday. From Stratford John Ford reported: "Parts of the course are waterlogged. We will need really good drying weather to get the track fit, and it is still raining at present." From Yorkshire John Moon said: "There is still some water on the course, and there must be some doubt about the meeting, particularly if there is further rain." The Clerk of the Course added that there would be a stewards' inspection at 3 pm today.

If Sedgefield receives the go-ahead Bold Warrior could record his third success o nthe course this season in the Mainsforth Handicap Steeplechase. Sedgefield has been something of a happy hunting ground for Bold Warrior's trainer, Jack Berry, this season. Although he never rode a winner on the trac kas a pockey, he has landed doubles at each of the past two meetings.

Bold Warrior has risen sharply in the weights as a result of his victories, but he seems to be in his element on the undulations of this track. Last time out the seven year old administered a 12 lengths thrashing to Fidler on the Hoof, who had previously run well behind True Wish at Haydock Park. Bold Warrior should be too quick for Fine Talk.

Other likely winners at Sedgefield are Gordon Richards's French Pin in the Hetton Novices' Steeplechase, and Soutra, who was narrowly beaten by Brasidas at Carlisle, in the Kirk Merrington Handicap.

Dunlop lines up Reid again for French raid

Billion heads a field of 15 for the £3,890 Prix Docteur Gazagnaire at Cagnes-sur-Mer today. He will be ridden by Henri Rossi, a local hero. Billion, a course winner who followed up his success at Cagnes with three in England, will be accompanied by his stable-companion, Pencuik Jewel.

John Dunlop has booked John Reid for Pencuik Jewel, a lightly-raced half-sister to Ragstone, a Gold Cup winner. She has not been out since finishing behind Lady Mason at Nottingham, in April but showed some promise on both her appearances. Ben Hanbury will be represented by Coquito's Prince.

Sandown Park programme

1.30 FEBRUARY HURDLE (Div I: £855: 2m)
3 11 Ruby Wine (D), F. Winter, 5-11-10 .... J. Francome
6 00-4221 March Morning (D), D. Ringer, 5-11-5 .... R. R. Evans
7 0-0001f Boxwood, R. Turnell, 6-11-1 .... S. C. Knight
9 00-02 Conderian, R. Armytage, 6-11-1 .... H. J. Evans
13 Lochside, P. Calver, 6-11-1 .... A. Webber
14 0000-33 Marhill Bell, M. Goswell, 6-11-1 .... M. Banham 7
15 0 Master Trump, J. Gifford, 6-11-1 .... M. Stanley
16 No Bello, A. Wates, 6-11-1 .... M. O'Halloran
18 Slightly Best, H. Trigg, 6-11-1 .... Mr A. Walter 5
20 Whittington, R. Head, 6-11-1 .... B. R. Davies
21 All Right Jack, D. Gandolfo, 5-11-0 .... P. Barton
24 u0000- Challow, P. M. Taylor, 5-11-0 .... A. Carroll
25 00000-0 Fools Rush In, H. O'Neill, 5-11-0 .... G. McCourt
26 00 Gracious Spirit, Mrs J. Pitman, 5-11-0 .... B. Smart
33 Grecian Alpha, P. Arthur, 5-11-0 .... —
36 3 Ironfighter, W. Fisher, 5-11-0 .... R. Atkins
37 ff Manbulloo, D. Nicholson, 5-11-0 .... J. Suthern
38 McBride, F. Muggeridge, 5-11-0 .... R. Muggeridge 7
39 4 Modern Times, J. Welch, 5-11-0 .... D. Coomer 7
51 Palmerston, N. Graham, 5-11-0 .... P. Burgoyne 7
52 0 Pride of Tennessee, J. Gifford, 5-11-0 .... Mr G. Sloan
53 0-p0 Professor Plum, T. Forster, 5-11-0 .... G. Thorner
54 2 Romany Furlong, R. Turnell, 5-11-0 .... A. Turnell
55 p0- Sky Match, N. Ayliffe, 5-11-0 .... M. Ayliffe 7
56 4 Tarbank, F. Walwyn, 5-11-0 .... W. Smith
57 Zebak, A. Moore, 5-11-0 .... G. Enright

11-8 Ruby Wine, 6-1 Tarbank, 7-1 Conderian, 12-1 Modern Times, Ironfighter, Romany Furlong, 14-1 Marhill Bell, Professor Plum, 16-1 Pride of Tennessee, March Morning, Palmerston, 20-1 Boxwood, Whittington, 33-1 others.

2.0 PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,601: 2m 18yd)
201 214241 Redbin, R. Carter, 9-12-0 .... Mr P. Greenall
204 p0-4002 Viewfinder, P. Cundell, 8-11-8 .... M. O'Halloran
205 1-12013 Harry Hotspur, Mrs D. Oughton, 8-11-8 .... N. Holman 5
206 13u044 Royal Thrust (C-D), F. Rimell, 9-11-5 .... J. Burke
207 342122 Rough and Tumble, F. Winter, 8-11-2 .... J. Francome
208 0p-p0 Summer Dance, R. Turnell, 11-10-9 .... A. Turnell
209 20314- Canit, Mrs J. Pitman, 8-10-6 .... B. Smart
210 20-3edx Our Arthur, S. Underhill, 12-10-5 .... A. Webber
211 00-0023 Socket (C-D), Miss A. Sinclair, 12-10-4 .... R. Rowell
212 0r04-p0 Boom Docker, M. Masson, 11-10-3 .... J. King

5-2 Viewfinder, 7-2 Redbin, 5-1 Rough and Tumble, 13-2 Harry Hotspur, 10-1 Royal Trust, Socket, 12-1 Our Arthur, 14-1 Canit, 16-1 others.

2.30 LEISURE CARAVAN PARKS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £6,885: 3m 118yd)
302 11-4111 Bachelors Hall, P. Cundell, 7-11-11 .... M. O'Halloran
303 20011 Royal Frolic, F. Rimell, 9-11-11 .... J. Burke
304 214-020 Tied Cottage, D. Moore, 10-11-4 .... L. O'Donnell
306 410122 Master H (C-D), M. Oliver, 9-11-3 .... J. Francome
307 1-31021 Broncho II, A. Dickinson, 9-11-1 .... M. Francome
308 211123- Our Edition (C), S. Mellor, 11-10-13 .... S. Jobar

5-4 Bachelors Hall, 7-2 Broncho II, 5-1 Master H, Royal Frolic, 12-1 Tied Cottage, 16-1 Our Edition.

3.0 WILFRED JOHNSTONE STEEPLECHASE (£750: 2½m 68yd)
402 11301h- High Ken, J. Edwards, 12-12-10 .... Mr C. Saunders
403 a11uf2- Mockey Joe, R. C-Brown, 8-12-10 .... Mr R. Clifton-Brown 7
404 0111f- Spartan Missile (C), M. Thorne, 6-12-10 .... Miss D. Thorne 7
405 302444- Apache Chief (C), D. Wales, 11-12-7 .... Mr R. Case 7
406 3021- Dancing Brig, P. Cundell, 7-12-7 .... Mr A. J. Wilson
410 134330- Southern Lad, G. Harwood, 11-12-7 .... Mr A. Wates 3
411 431p0p- Spartan Sandal, P. Brookshaw, 7-12-7 .... Mr P. Brookshaw 7
412 10- The Coalman, R. Lloyd, 8-12-7 .... Mr R. King 7
413 f14p0-f Bogey Morn, R. Lodger, 8-12-0 .... Mrs N. Ledgers 7
415 0300- Curlew River, A. Scott, 13-12-0 .... Mr A. Scott 7
417 232pf0- Evagoras, Mrs D. Taylor, 8-12-0 .... Mr D. Evatt
420 Icefloe, M. Sands, 8-12-0 .... Mr J. Mead
421 4- Kilgoris, Miss P. Caney, 8-12-0 .... Miss P. Caney 7
422 33021-0 Mans Glow, Miss V. Scouller, 6-12-0 .... Mr P. Scouller 7
423 00003f- Mastership, L. Worner, 8-12-0 .... —
424 Moon View, J. Hawksfield, 11-12-0 .... Mr J. Hawksfield 7
425 1p023- Newscaster, M. Connell, 10-12-0 .... Mr M. Connell 7
427 Romanus, J. Hawkins, 9-12-0 .... —

9-4 High Ken, 4-1 Spartan Missile, 7-1 Dancing Brig, Mockey Joe, Apache Chief, 12-1 Southern Lad, 14-1 Bogey Morn, 16-1 Newscaster, 20-1 The Coalman, Spartan Sandal, Mastership, 25-1 others.

3.30 WAVENDON HURDLE (Handicap: £1,023: 2m 5f 75yd)
501 00-0002 Quickapenny, E. Courage, 8-12-0 .... T. Andrews 7
502 040230 Listercombe, D. Nicholson, 7-12-0 .... P. Carvill 7
503 0-84111 Tree Breeze, Miss S. Hall, 7-12-0 .... D. Williamson 7
504 001400 Tara Dream, R. Turnell, 7-11-0 .... E. Waite 7
505 123002 Foolsome (C), L. Bowman, 6-11-7 .... N. Holman 5
507 012-000 Winslow Boy, A. Moore, 6-11-6 .... —
508 10-0330 Major Role, J. Joseph, 8-11-2 .... K. Hayward 7
509 034403 Hay Bridge (C-D), H. O'Neill, 7-11-2 .... K. Whyte 7
510 231310 Prince Henham, N. Callaghan, 5-10-11 .... G. P. O'Brien 7
511 30-0410 Fury Spirit, J. Haine, 5-10-8 .... C. Young 7
512 202103 Virginia Drive, D. Underwood, 6-10-7 .... J. Redmond 7
513 202103 Virginia Drive, D. Underwood, 6-10-7 .... J. Redmond 7
515 000030 Master Butcher, B. Wise, 8-10-7 .... K. Davies 7
516 f0 Nagari, P. Cundell, 9-10-7 .... D. Moss 7
520 000000 Our Fantasy, Mrs R. Lomax, 6-10-7 .... J. Kear 7
523 02200-4 Minnisgaff, S. Cole, 8-10-7 .... K. Mooney 5
524 420100 Regal Bird, Mrs R. Lomax, 7-10-7 .... —
528 0- Tahini, J. Cann, 11-10-7 .... G. Knight 5
529 024301 Bargillean, G. Wallace, 6-10-7 .... M. O'Shea
530 000410 Scots Gambol, B. Wise, 11-10-7 .... J. Akehurst 7
531 100-00 Oh Honey, A. Davison, 5-10-7 .... —
532 0p-000p Wondayle, D. Nugent, 6-10-7 .... —
533 000-fp Glenglush, P. Arthur, 6-10-7 .... J. Moran

7-2 Tree Breeze, 5-1 Hay Bridge, 13-2 Listercombe, 7-1 Prince Henham, 8-1 Tara Dream, 10-1 Foolsome, Virginia Drive, Major Role, 12-1 Fury Spirit, 16-1 Bargillean, Quickapenny, 20-1 others.

4.0 FEBRUARY HURDLE (Div II: novices: £872: 2m)
601 00210 Hunters Joy (D), P. Bailey, 6-11-6 .... R. Champion
602 032100 Merry Kerry (C), J. Joseph, 9-11-6 .... K. Hayward 7
603 004130 Silage, J. Wardle, 7-11-6 .... S. Smith-Eccles
604 0-20212 Timoshenko (D), F. Rimell, 6-11-6 .... C. Tinkler
607 440221 Gervaise Wood (D), E. Beeson, 5-11-5 .... R. Goldstein 7
608 0-210 Notina (D), J. Dudgeon, 5-11-5 .... R. Floyd
609 0 Admetus, F. Winter, 8-11-1 .... J. Francome
611 0000-0 Dawn Gazer, P. Cundell, 6-11-1 .... —
612 342222 Dornis, P. Arthur, 8-11-1 .... —
614 0u00 Happy Countryman, H. O'Neill, 6-11-1 .... G. McCourt
615 03 Knock Hard Again, J. Haine, 6-11-1 .... Mr N. Brookes 5
617 303212 Master Thief (D), J. Welch, 7-11-1 .... D. Coomer 7
620 0p-4 Quartic Melody, J. Hooper, 6-11-1 .... Miss P. Caney 7
621 0-0 Reikonalia, N. Ayliffe, 6-11-1 .... M. Ayliffe 7
622 3-11t2p Saran Slave (D), P. Cundell, 7-11-1 .... M. O'Halloran
625 42- Straight Jocelyn, R. Armytage, 6-11-1 .... H. J. Evans
626 Clems Dream, Miss A. Sinclair, 5-11-0 .... R. Rowell
627 Codebreaker, F. Walwyn, 5-11-0 .... W. Smith
629 0 Kerry Street, V. Cross, 5-11-0 .... J. King
630 3 Lord Gulliver, Mrs J. Pitman, 5-11-0 .... B. Smart
632 0 Mr Ben, A. Moore, 5-11-0 .... G. Enright
633 2 River Mahwa, M. Haynes, 5-11-0 .... D. Jeffries 7
636 0 Scottish Mandate, G. Harwood, 5-11-0 .... G. Lawson
639 St Joles, B. Hills, 5-11-0 .... Mr N. Henderson
640 20 Valarion, C. Benstead, 5-11-0 .... R. Atkins

3-1 Lord Gulliver, 9-2 Admetus, 11-2 Timoshenko, 8-1 St Joles, 10-1 Saran Slave, 12-1 Silage, River Mahwa, Codebreaker, 14-1 Gervaise Wood, Hunters Joy, Straight Jocelyn, 20-1 Master Thief, Valarion, 25-1 others.

Sandown Park selections

By our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Ruby Wine. 2.0 Viewfinder. 2.30 BRONCHO II is specially recommended. 3.0 High Ken. 3.30 Quickapenny. 4.0 Admetus.

By our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 March Morning. 3.30 Prince Henham.

Sedgefield programme

1.15 CROFT HURDLE (Handicap: £381: 2m)
1 002102 Meads Manor (C-D), J. Berry, 9-12-0 .... S. Houlker 7
3 1p14- Sea Wanderer (D), A. Percival, 10-11-11 .... R. F. Davies
4 00-10u1 *Galah Bird, C. Tinkler, 7-11-9 .... —
7 1003 High Lee (D), S. Norton, 4-11-0 .... G. Graham 3
13 31142-0 Seaton Sands (C-D), J. Turner, 7-10-8 .... K. McCauley
15 h32310 Likely Boy (D), D. Yeoman, 5-10-8 .... A. Brown 5
14 32 Bells Lad, E. Carter, 8-10-7 .... M. Lowry 3
15 000 Dan Bornu, M. Naughton, 12-10-6 .... Mr D. Metcalfe 7
17 0000 Abbey Style, A. Brisbourne, 7-10-3 .... Mr M. Brisbourne
18 000323 Rolus (D), D. Chapman, 6-10-0 .... M. Barnes
19 4-00 French Bridge (C-D), P. Burke, 7-10-0 .... K. Gray
21 0000 Maden, R. Whitaker, 5-10-0 .... S. Charlton 5
25 pfp Supreme Cat, T. Kersey, 5-10-0 .... G. Kersey 7

5-2 Meads Manor, 3-1 Sea Wanderer, 9-2 Seaton Sands, 6-1 Bells Lad, 8-1 Rolus, Likely Boy, 12-1 High Lee, 16-1 others.

1.45 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £512: 2½m)
1 034p0-1 Apple Princess, W. Elsey, 5-12-3 .... C. Holmes
4 0-0410f Captains Deal, E. Magner, 6-11-8 .... Ann Harvey 7
5 Danetop Spirit, F. Musgrave, 8-11-8 .... Mr F. Musgrave
6 f-02033 Dunmarc, F. Jestin, 6-11-8 .... R. Barry
7 0f0 Festive Star, T. Kersey, 7-11-8 .... G. Kersey 7
8 p-0pt00 Kervaca, C. Lamb, 6-11-8 .... R. Lamb
9 Sweet Guy, E. Glendinning, 12-11-8 .... —
12 33-0044 Ex Professo, G. Richards, 5-11-6 .... D. Goulding
17 0 Russian Society, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-6 .... R. Collins
18 f4-0002 Saucy Eater, T. Barnes, 5-11-6 .... M. Barnes
20 00-0000 Sturdy Lad, W. Smith, 5-11-6 .... M. Murphy 7
21 Uncle Jack, S. Nesbitt, 5-11-6 .... B. Sayles 7
23 00 Whitgee, S. Nattriss, 5-11-6 .... D. Atkins
24 Coopelle, H. Wharton, 4-10-7 .... D. Greaves
25 0020 Melperion, T. Fairhurst, 4-10-7 .... C. Fairhurst 3
26 00033 Merganser, M. W. Easterby, 4-10-7 .... J. O'Neill
27 0 Royal Bishop, J. Berry, 4-10-7 .... S. Charlton 3

5-2 Apple Princess, 7-2 Merganser, 9-2 Dunmarc, 5-1 Ex Professo, 8-1 Saucy Easter, 10-1 Melperion, 12-1 Russian Society, 16-1 others.

2.15 MAINSFORTH STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £784: 2m)
1 3-20123 Meteorologist, J. Turner, 9-12-0 .... K. McCauley
3 01f211 Bold Warrior (C-D), J. Berry, 7-11-11 .... K. Gray
4 110-042 Fine Talk (D), B. Wilkinson, 9-10-9 .... A. Harrison
5 f01f-40 Rossborough (C-D), R. E. Peacock, 7-10-8 .... R. F. Davies
6 1f3f1p Golden Express (D), J. Dodds, 9-10-7 .... J. O'Neill
9 44- Happy Boy II, G. Renilson, 11-10-0 .... Mr P. Craggs 5

7-4 Bold Warrior, 3-1 Fine Talk, 9-2 Meteorologist, 5-1 Golden Express, 8-1 Rossborough, 12-1 Happy Boy II.

2.45 KIRK MERRINGTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £825: 3m 250yd)
3 204023 Scorton Boy (C-D), Denys Smith, 9-11-4 .... A. Dickman
6 124022 Soutra (C), B. Wilkinson, 10-11-2 .... D. Atkins
7 30021p Francophile (C-D), C. Lamb, 13-11-2 .... R. Lamb
10 424211 Supreme Sail, V. Thompson, 7-10-11 .... Mr J. Walton
14 431000 Gay Como, R. Stubbs, 9-10-0 .... M. Murphy 7

6-4 Scorton Boy, 5-2 Soutra, 7-2 Francophile, 5-1 Supreme Sail, 16-1 Gay Como.

3.15 HETTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £714: 2m)
1 00-0p31 French Pin (D), G. Richards, 7-11-10 .... D. Goulding
2 p900 Big Fred, S. Nesbitt, 7-11-0 .... B. Sayles 7
5 100000- Doctor Win, F. Dever, 6-11-0 .... Mr A. Fowler 7
6 0000-03 Illecanus, G. Fairbairn, 7-11-0 .... A. Phillips 5
10 3-30240 Ingham, S. Nesbitt, 6-11-0 .... J. O'Neill
11 00042f Moorside, T. Barnes, 7-11-0 .... M. Barnes
13 041-p0p *Only Money, G. Richards, 7-11-0 .... —
15 040-300 Roast Chestnut, S. Palmer, 8-11-0 .... M. Lowry 3
18 001303 Village Dusky, Denys Smith, 6-11-0 .... A. Dickman
19 0000 Buckville, W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-7 .... G. Faulkner
21 000-0 Daygo, F. Coton, 8-10-7 .... Mr P. O'Connor 7
22 00000-0 Old Tol, N. Waggott, 5-10-7 .... W. Reefern

3-1 French Pin, 7-2 Village Dusky, 9-2 Illecanus, 6-1 Ingham, 8-1 Moorside, 10-1 Buckville, 12-1 Roast Chestnut, 16-1 others.

3.45 PETERLEE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £535: 2½m)
6 Curlew Abbey, T. Gillam, 8-11-8 .... C. Mann 7
9 002-00 Hall Mark, S. Norton, 7-11-8 .... G. Graham 3
13 0f Miss Kennedy, T. Barnes, 10-11-8 .... M. Barnes
16 1-00304 Satalis, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-8 .... Mr K. Jewitt 7
17 20000- Tiger Foot, W. Atkinson, 6-11-8 .... A. Flint 7
18 00300 Another Glen, A. Dickinson, 5-11-6 .... N. Tinkler
19 00 Boh Da Thone, S. Nattriss, 5-11-6 .... D. Atkins
21 Catlands, T. Hudson, 5-11-6 .... Mr L. Hudson 7
24 00-0202 Lord Ancholme, H. Wharton, 5-11-6 .... D. Greaves
27 4u3002 Nisbet-Anne, R. Johnson, 5-11-6 .... D. Ellison 7
30 00 Sanpello, J. Berry, 5-11-6 .... S. Houlker 7
33 002221 Habbersupreme, E. Carter, 4-11-3 .... M. Lowry 3
34 00310 Lady Val (C), T. Fairhurst, 4-11-3 .... C. Fairhurst 7
35 Billy Rajan, C. Lamb, 4-10-7 .... R. Lamb
36 Cheviot Star, G. Renilson, 4-10-7 .... Mr P. Craggs 5
38 40000 Never Flap, V. Thompson, 4-10-7 .... Mr J. Walton
40 0 Witton Fell, R. Stubbs, 4-10-7 .... T. Enright 7

9-4 Habbersupreme, 4-1 Lady Val, 5-1 Satalis, Lord Ancholme, 13-2 Another Glen, 8-1 Nisbet-Anne, 12-1 Sanpello, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Sedgefield selections

1.15 Mead's Manor. 1.45 Saucy Eater. 2.15 BOLD WARRIOR is specially recommended. 2.45 Soutra. 3.15 French Pin. 3.45 Habbersupreme.

Rugby Union

England plan to attack Wales from the front

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The England rugby party trained purposefully in wet and chilly conditions on the Bank of England ground at Roehampton yesterday afternoon and came through without mishap. Afterwards, the captain, Bill Beaumont, and the chairman of selectors, Sandy Sanders, made some warming if fairly predictable noises about the prospects against Wales at Twickenham tomorrow.

Both felt that England had the resources to play a more attacking game, but the captain observed that the battle upfront still had to be won. "Having played alongside the Welsh with the Lions in New Zealand, I know what they can do," Beaumont said. "And they have a good driving trio at loose forward."

Mr Sanders said that he and his fellow selectors had been conscious at the start of the season that the side needed some more "bite". He hinted that if Alastair Hignell had been fit for the French game they might have chosen a different midfield combination on that occasion. He conceded that on paper Wales had an advantage in experience and flair. "But rugby is a team game. We know our own strengths and we hope we can play on their points of weakness".

"At the moment", Mr Sanders went on, "you can certainly take it that we are not giving them second best—not by a long chalk. This is a vital game for us because, if we lose it, it will make our last two matches against Scotland and Ireland all the harder. The fact that Wales have had a great sequence of success against us for so many years is no barrier—in fact quite the reverse; it can only give England a bigger challenge."

John Dawes, the Welsh coach uttered some cautious thoughts at the end of a training period at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff yesterday. "England now have the basis of a very good pack, which has been balanced with players of excellent understanding and flair", Dawes said. "That is going to pose a threat for Wales. It will possibly be our biggest threat for four years, but I think we can win if we play as well as we can."

The Scottish team held a brisk 90-minute training session at Murrayfield yesterday in preparation fo rthe international against France. Ian McGeechan, the Headingley centre who missed last Sunday's training because of a minor leg injury, was able to take part and said that he was fully fit.

For the record

Tennis

RICHMOND, Virginia: P. Fleming beat B. Gottfried, 6—2, 6—3; K. Rosewall beat A. Ashe, 6—3, 6—3; V. Gerulaitis beat B. Taroczy, 6—1, 6—2; C. Barazzutti beat R. Hewitt, 6—1, 6—2.

CHRUDIM: King's Cup: Czechoslovakia beat Bulgaria 3—0.

CHICAGO: Mrs E. Cawley (Australia) beat Miss R. Marsikova (Czechoslovakia), 6—7, 6—1, 6—0.

Squash rackets

PLYMOUTH: GB beat NZ, 2—1. Results (GB names first): Miss S. Cogswell beat Mrs Webster, 9—5, 9—4, 9—6; Miss Lawes lost to Mrs Buckingham, 9—3, 4—9, 0—9, 4—9; Mrs B. Diggins beat Miss R. Davis, 8—10, 9—3, 9—6, 9—3.

Cricket

MADRAS: English Schools, 231 for 8; Indian Schools, 156. 50-over match. England Schools won by 75 runs.

Today's fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

THIRD DIVISION: Tranmere v Cambridge U.

FOURTH DIVISION: Southend v Scunthorpe.

RUGBY UNION: Bedford v RAF (7.15); Gloucester v Bristol; Northampton v Saracens; Rosslyn Park v Bath.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First Division: Salford v Leeds.

Miss Wade third

New York, Feb 2.—Martina Navratilova, who has won three of the four Virginia Slims tennis tournaments played this year, leads in total earnings with $65,500.

LEADING MONEY EARNERS: 1, M. Navratilova (US), $65,500; 2, B. Stove (Netherlands), $28,500; 3, V. Wade (GB), $20,350; 4, E. Goolagong (Australia), $20,150; 5, W. Turnbull (Australia), $18,650; 6, B. J. King (US), $17,700.—Reuter.

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Motor racing

A formula based on fuel flow, not engine size

By John Blunsden

Keith Duckworth, the designer of the world's most successful grand prix engine, is advocating a fundamental change in the regulations governing formula one racing.

Speaking at the Royal Automobile Club in London last night, when he was presented by Lord Mountbatten with the club's Diamond Jubilee Trophy in honour of 100 grand prix victories by his Ford DFV engine, Mr Duckworth said that the time had come to end a grand prix formula based on engine size.

Even though his own design has prospered under the current three-litre regulations, which have been in force since 1966—the longest period of stability in the history of grand prix racing—he believes that new technology and increasinging competition will force designers to create engines of even less relevance to the general needs of the motorists and therefore the motor industry.

"The existing rules specify a limit of three litres, or one and a half litres if the engine is turbocharged, so if I was asked tonight to produce a race-winning engine, with money no object, I would design a one-and-a-half litre turbocharged two-stroke. I would expect it to be so powerful that it would render all current engines obsolete overnight, and it would be so expensive that hardly anyone would be able to afford it. It would probably be the ruination of grand prix racing as we know it today."

Mr Duckworth proposes that the formula based on engine size should be replaced by one based on the efficient consumption of fuel. "Impose a limit on the rate at which fuel may be burnt, and you give designers the freedom to explore a variety of solutions with engines of different sizes and configurations. You also stimulate further research into energy conservation at a sophisticated level, which could well provide a significant rub-off in the field of passenger car engineering.

Under motor racing's international rules, no new formula can be introduced with less than three years' warning. This means that Mr Duckworth's proposal, if adopted, could not com einto effect before January 1, 1982.

Hockey

East deprive South of their coveted goal

By Joyce Whitehead

South 0 East 1

The first women's territorial hockey match to be held on Maidenhead and Bray sports ground, ended yesterday with East beating South and depriving them of the coveted four wins in the series.

The pitch, though well prepared, was soft and wet on one side. It could hardly have been anything else. (The nearby hard court pitch at Bisham Abbey was unusable). Play therefore was not easy, and because of the keen umpiring decisions on "sticks" the game was not allowed to flow. The goal was, however, the result of much work by East and a good shot by the left wing, B. Howe early in the first half.

There were odd bits of attractive play, but most of it was ineffective.

East appeared unimaginative in the second half. R. Sykes their centre half played well throughout and even when the others failed to cooperate she battled on and hers was about the only really dangerous shot at the South goal in this period. It came to nothing because P. Gibbon, the goalkeeper, just covered it.

East were deprived of a penalty stroke in this half when A. Baker stopped a certain goal with the handle of her stick high in the air. At the other end S. Freeth, the goalkeeper, did well on the few occasions the South called on her to save. South have now played their four territorial matches and have won three and lost one. They may yet be top territorially if North manage to beat Midlands and West in the last two matches.

Today, the match cancelled from Tuesday between North and Midlands has been rearranged to be played at 2 o'clock at Hartford College, Northwich. Tomorrow West play North in the last of the series at Cheltenham.

SOUTH: P. Gibbon (Berkshire); S. Batten (Sussex), J. Pool (Hampshire), A. Baker (Sussex, captain), K. Dodd (Berkshire), C. Craggs (Surrey), II. Monk (Hampshire), B. Holden (Sussex), D. Grist (Hampshire), J. Powell (Sussex), S. Harding (Middlesex).

EAST: S. Freeth (Hertfordshire); J. Cardwell (Suffolk), J. Dayer-Smith (Hertfordshire), C. Davidson (Hertfordshire), R. Sykes (Kent), S. Lee (Kent), H. Bray (Hertfordshire), V. Robinson (Hertfordshire, captain), J. Jurischka (Kent), S. Mann (Essex), B. Howe (Essex).

Umpires: J. Barthet and M. Harris.

Football

Symbolic capitulation as City say Tueart can now leave Britain

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

An announcement yesterday by Peter Swales, the Manchester City chairman, that Dennis Tueart had played his last match for the club and that the New York Cosmos's offer o fabout £250,000 had been accepted, left only the player himself to choose between the United States and the continent. If he goes to the Cosmos, the signing will be another significant step in American attempts to improve their football stock by financial inducement

Unlike many others who have been enticed across the Atlantic, Tueart can almost be considered a current England international, having been a substitute against Scotland as recently as June of last year. It may be argued that Tueart is approaching that period in his career when the most earnest challenge is to avoid going downhill.

Nevertheless, he is sound enough to have raised the interest of several clubs, including Anderlecht, of Belgium. Last year, Everton, Derby County, Arsenal and Newcastle United also made inquiries even before he was put on the transfer list at his own request in November. Since then, he has turned down offers to join Manchester United and Nottingham Forest.

His determination to leave was originally rooted in frustration at not being considered an automatic choice after recovering from injuries that troubled him early in the season. Manchester City's decision to allow the Cosmos to approach Tueart, and their agreement to a fee of £250,000, could not be given until the club had played their FA Cup fourth round match against Forest this week.

Afterwards, having been knocked of both that competition and the League Cup, they felt Tueart could leave and this possibly reflects common acceptance that this season's championship must belong to Forest. Although Manchester City are their nearest rivals, there is a six-point margin that could be closed only by an extraordinary sequence of defeats for Forest.

Mr Swales pointed out last night that all of the £250,000 the club expect to receive for Tueart could be used to purchase new players. But City's defeat by Forest seemed to be symbolic capitulation. Mr Swales said that he had discussed the proposed transfer with Tony Brook, the manager. He added: "Tueart *is* virtually a Cosmos player." He said Tueart would definitely not play in the local derby match against Manchester United at Old Trafford tomorrow. Mr Brook added that agreement with the Cosmos was "almost complete".

Cosmos officials and contacts have been scouting for players in Europe for several weeks and had promised their supporters a "big name". The suggested fee of £250,000 would be a record between British and American clubs. Tueart comes from the north-east of England and was a member of the Sunderland team who won the FA Cup in 1973. He was transferred to Manchester City for £275,000 and won six England caps.

With Barnes, he has helped City revive the art of attacking from the wings and, when fully fit, he has been one of the quickest and most skilful forwards in the League. If he leaves for the United States, Tueart will go ahead of what American officials believe will be a wave of new signings after the World Cup in Argentina this summer. That will lead to many difficulties, not least that of obtaining the release of players for national teams in future World Cup competitions.

Far removed from the talk of transatlantic transfers, Hartlepool, the 91st club in the Football League, also decided yesterday that as their happy little journey in the FA Cup had ended in defeat at Ipswich on Saturday, they could release Poskett, 23-year-old forward, who had scored 11 goals this season. Brighton yesterday bought him for £60,000, which was a record for Hartlepool, who paid Whitby Town £25 for Poskett 18 months ago.

Wile is keen to play, even with a fractured cheek

John Wile, the captain of West Bromwich Albion, wants to play against Newcastle United tomorrow in spite of fracturing his cheek in Wednesday night's FA Cup win over Manchester United. Wile was injured in a challenge on Jordan and X-ray examinations confirmed the extent of the damage.

Ron Atkinson, Albion's manager, said: "The jaw is fractured in two or three places. He wants to play against Newcastle and the hospital said there is a possibility of that happening." Albion have Robertson aavilable after a two-match suspension and Cunningham, who also missed the two ties against United, has a late check on his thigh trouble but Cantello, who underwent an ankle operation on Wednesday, is out.

West Ham United may recall Day for their return match against Queens Park Rangers. West Ham were thrashed 6—1 at Rangers in a Cup replay and Ferguson, who has made seven appearances since displacing Day after teh Christmas defeat at Chelsea, was blamed for four of the goals. Green, who broke a leg 11 months ago and has been plagued by ankle trouble recently, may also return as well as Brooking.

Bowles, a midfield architect of Rangers's victory, is doubtful. He has missed only one game this season but yesterday he became their latest influenza victim. The manager, Frank Sibley, faces another problem because Francis and Eastoe are fit and Cunningham has completed his suspension.

Jimmy Armfield, the Leeds United manager, has again ommitted McQueen from his party for the match at Ipswich. Parkinson, retains his place in the back four and the only doubt concerns Reaney, who has a slight knee injury but should be fit in time.

Wednesday's results

FA CUP: Fourth round: Derby County 2, Birmingham City 1. Fourth round replay: West Bromwich Albion 3, Manchester United 2 (aet).
FOURTH DIVISION: Crewe 9, Southend 1.

Ice skating

British pair have too much leeway to make up

From John Hennessy
Strasbourg, Feb 2

British hopes of a medal in the European ice dance championship virtually disappeared here this afternoon. Janet Thompson and Waren Maxwell lie fourth, but seemingly with too much leeway to make good. The leaders are Irina Moiseyeva and Andrei Minenkov, the Russian holders of the titl:, followed by their compatriots, Natalia Linichuk and Gennardi Karponosov, and Krisztina Regoozy and Andras Sallay, of Hungary.

Since the British couple were fourth in the European championships in Helsinki last year it might be thought there is no cause for despondency. But they have to be measured by a different standard. After Helsinki they went to Tokyo, there to turn the tables on the Hungarians and the second Russian couple in the world championships.

Their hopes here, therefore, were on at least a silver medal, but they have not been at their Tokyo best and have been marked almost consistently fourth from the first compulsory dance. One judge, though, places them first, Brenda Long, of Britain. One judge, the West German, gives pride of place to the second Russian couple, another, from Poland, has yet to make up her mind between the two Russian couples. Yet another, from Hungary, is undecided between the Minenkovs (they are married), and her fellow Hungarians: the holders' grip on the title is therefore a little tenuous so far as matters go, but they are sure to dispel any uncertainties during tomorrow night's free programme.

The second British couple, Kay Barsdell and Kenneth Forster, lie seventh, still unable to convince the judges of their true merit, and the third, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, ninth, after a highly promising first appearance. Their time is sure to come.

Anett Pötzsch, the East German holder of the women's championship, took her expected lead during the fisrt stage of the competition today, the compulsory figures. Her marks were marginally better than those she achieved in Helsinki last year and she is wel lplaced, therefore, to retain her title. It is to her advantage that those nearest to her on the figures are the older skaters whose free programmes are less imposing. The exciting young competitors have not yet been able to meet the nerve-racking demands of the school figures. Thus Elena Vodorezova, the brilliant young Russian, is in ninth place, and Denise Biellmann, an equally gifted young Swiss, in twelfth place.

Karena Richardson, the British champion, was another to improve upon last year, though she would not have expected anything else. Nineteen seventy-seven was a year of torment for her, a period, we hope, of taking one step back before takin gtwo forward, an experience she bore with fortitude and courage.

Her opening figure (counter) today was indifferent and severely punished, by Pauline Borrajo, the British judge, in particular, but here second (paragraph) and third (loops) weer of a different order an draised her to eleventh place. Last year at the same stage she was seventeenth. Given her more assured free skating, there should be a strong hope of her now finishing in the first 10 (compared with thirteenth last year), which would carry the bonus of a second British entry in 1979.



Janet Thompson and Warren Maxwell: not at their previous best.

Yesterday, Irina Rodnina won her twenty-first international title (European, World and Olympic), now of course in the company of her husband, Alexandr Zaitsey. So young are their nearest challengers these days that they seemed, indeed are, adults among children. The Russian champions have added new refinements in the matter of lifts, so that it was inevitable that someone, somewhere, would give them a six in spite of the notable absence of any throw jumps. This time it was the French judge. It had to be an impartial award because, as a result of past misdemeanours, judges from the Soviet Union have been banned this year.

Of the rest the young East Germans, Manuela Mager and Uwe Bewersdorf, were outstanding. Miss Mager, still only 15, is developing into a mature young woman and she skates like one. A beautiful programmes for a pair so lacking in experience was marred only by a fall by Miss Mager in an innocent little passage near the end, but, that apart, she and her partner made an appealing impression and received encouraging marks, ranging from 5.6 to 5.8.

They stood in sharp contrast to the other young pretenders, for whom the female partner seemed to be a doll to be toyed with rather than a woman to be skated beside. By one of the quirks of skating, however, they were placed third behind the second Russian pair, Marina Cherkasova and Sergei Shakhrai, although gaining more marks. In spite of that the Russians must be wondering if they can hold on to this title when the time comes for Miss Rodnina to retire.

PAIRS: 1, I. Rodnina/A. Zaitsev (USSR), 148.54 points, 9 placements; 2, M. Tcherkasova/S. Shakrai (USSR), 141.74 and 22; 3, M. Mager/U. Bewersdorf (E Germany), 142.08 and 23; 4, S. Baess/T. Thierbach (E Germany), 138.04 and 39; 5, I. Spieglova/A. Spiegl (Czechoslovakia), 135.90 and 45; 6, K. Stolfie/V. Kempe (E Germany), 134.52 and 55; 7, M. Pestova/S. Leonovich (USSR), 132.04 and 65; 8, S. Scheibe/A. Nischwitz (W Germany), 131.76 and 70; 9, S. Fuchs/X. Videau (France), 128.22 and 79; 10, E. Loczyynska/M. Chrolenko (Poland), 134.26 and 90.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (after compulsory figures): 1, A. Pötzch (E Germany), 47.24 pts (9 placements); 2, D. Lurz (West Germany), 44.56 and 31; 3, C. Cristofics-Binder (Austria), 43.80 and 31; 4, S. A'Driano (Italy), 42.12 and 38; 5, K. Wegelius (Finland), 42.60 and 35; 6, D. Rieder (Switzerland), 39.32 and 58; 7, G. Ostermaier (W Germany), 38.16 and 69; 8, S. Broman (Finland), 37.84 and 78; 9, E. Vodorezova (USSR), 37.80 and 72; 10, C. Weissenberg (E Germany), 37.64 and 79; 11, G. Richardson (GB), 35.73 and 100.

MEN'S SHORT PROGRAMME: 1, Y. Hoffman (E Germany, 83.60 pts, 13 placements; 2, V. Kovalev (USSR), 83.28 and 14; 3, I. Bobrin (USSR), 79.66 and 29; 4, R. Cousins (GB), 79.88 and 29; 5, M. Liebers (E. Germany), 78.08 and 46; 6, Y. Ovchinnikov (USSR), 76.40 and 56; 7, M. Soska (Czechoslovakia), 73.12 and 70; 8, R. Gorne (W Germany), 72.96 and 69; 9, G.-W. Graebner (W Germany), 72.88 and 70; 10, G. Beyer (France), 68.08 and 100; 11, G. Glowania (Poland), 68.76 and 99; 12, A. Bestwick (GB), 68.13 and 103; 13, T. Oberg (Sweden), 66.76 and 107; 14, F. Demarteau (Belgium), 60.60 and 132; 15, M. Krusec (Yugoslavia), 58.96 and 130; 16, B. Watzlinger (Austria), 59.00 and 140; 17, J. Glerup (Denmark), 58.16 and 145; 18, H. Cristofics-Binder (Austria), withdrew.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Islanders 7, New York Rangers 6; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Minnesota North Stars 1; Cleveland Barons 2, Detroit Red Wings 0; Toronto Maple Leafs 2, Buffalo Sabres 2; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Boston Bruins 5, St Louis Blues 3; Los Angeles Kings 8, Washington Capitals 3.
WORLD ASSOCIATION: New England Whalers 4, Edmonton Oilers 3; Cincinnati Stingers 8, Indianapolis Racers 0.

Skiing

Stenmark handles nerves as successfully as skis

Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Feb 2.—Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, admitting that he had never been so nervous in his life, channelled his energy into two perfect runs today to win the men's world championship giant slalom title. In a sport where gold medals are won by hundredths of a second, the 21-year-old Swede trounced his nearest rival, Andreas Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, by more than two seconds to win his first title.

"I was more nervous today than before any other race in my career", Stenmark said. "It was because the world title was at stake." But Stenmark, who hides himself and his emotions as successfully as he handles his skis, appeared nerveless as he swept down the two 1,355-metre courses.

He mastered the first 63-gate course in 1min 35.48sec to open a gap of 1.14sec over his nearest rival; then he dominated the second run in falling snow in 1min 27.04sec to total a winning time of 3min 02.52sec.

Wenzel, only sixth fastest in the first heat, put everything he had into the second, and was only 2-10ths of a second behind the Swede. He had times of 1:37.32 and 1:27.24 to total 3:04.56. His teammate, Willi Frommelt, took the bronze with runs of 1:36.71 and 1:28.04 for 3:04.75.

Stenmark won the first six slalom and giant slalom races of the World Cup season to win that trophy last month.

The most interesting piece of news he had to impart after today's race was that he had skied the first run with his pants undone. "There was nothing I could do about it. They were open at the front because they were too small. It might have disturbed some spectators but it didn't upset me", he said.

Bernhard Russi, aged 29, a former Olympic champion, is retiring from top-grade skiing. The men's world downhill champion in 1970, and Olympic gold medallist at Sapporo two years later, Russi finished 14th in Sunday's men's downhill event at the world Alpine championships here.

MEN'S GIANT SLALOM: 1, I. Stenmark (Sweden), 1:35.48 + 1:27.04 (3:02.52); 2, A. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 1:37.32 + 1:27.24 (3:04.46); 3, W. Frommelt (Liechtenstein), 1:36.71 + 1:28.04 (3:04.75); 4, H. Hemmi (Switzerland), 1:37.21 + 1:27.66 (3:04.86); 5, P. Mahre (US), 1:36.62 + 1:28.32 (3:04.94); 6, H. Enn (Austria), 1:36.95 + 1:28.32 (3:05.27); 7, P. Luescher (Switzerland), 1:37.87 + 1:28.26 (3:06.13); 8, P. Patterson (US), 1:37.96 + 1:28.86 (3:06.82); 9, C. Adgate (US), 1:37.61 + 1:29.49 (3:07.10); 10, B. Noeckler (Italy), 1:37.33 + 1:29.87 (3:07.20). British placings: 41, A. Stewart, 1:42.06 + 1:30.85 (3:12.89); 45, S. Fitzsimmons, 1:42.74 + 1:31.03 (3:13.77); 58, O. Byrne-Sutton, 1:44.38 + 1:35.41 (3:19.79); 76, D. Cargill, 1:48.00 + 1:41.14 (3:29.14). Irish placing: 81, R. McKee, 1:53.20 + 1:43.80 (3:37.00).—UPI.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Conditions Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm) —	°C
Andermatt	175	260	Fair	Powder	Fair	Snow	-2
Heavy snowfall closing runs							
Arosa	115	125	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-3
Steady snow, all runs open							
Avoriaz	200	250	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-10
Avalanche danger							
Courchevel	210	290	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	1
Heavy snow, most runs closed							
Flims	90	160	Good	Varied	Good	Snow	1
Avalanche danger							
Grindelwald	110	160	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	0
High winds, lifts closed							
Isola 2,000	190	250	Good	Varied	Good	Fine	-5
Excellent skiing, high winds							
Mürren	130	220	Food	Powder	Good	Snow	-6
Heavy snow, visibility poor							
Niederau	45	85	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-4
Excellent skiing on new snow							
St Anton	90	370	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-1
Deep powder, runs restricted							
Tignes	200	270	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	-3
Heavy snow, lifts closed							
Zermatt	150	235	Good	Powder	Good	Snow	2
Excellent new powder snow							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather —	°C
ITALY					
Abetone	150	170	Good	—	—
Bardonecchia	130	300	Good	—	—
Canazei	70	300	Good	—	—
Cervinia	190	300	Good	—	—
Cortina	130	180	Good	—	—
Corvara	80	140	Good	—	—
Livigno	70	110	Good	—	—
Macugnaga	135	300	Good	—	—
Madesimo	170	270	Good	—	—
Madonna di C	230	330	Good	—	—
San Martino	100	170	Good	—	—
Selva	70	100	Good	—	—
Sestriere	100	300	Good	—	—
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	60	100	Fair	Snow	-3
Braunwald	160	190	Good	Snow	-3
Champéry	70	150	Good	Snow	-5
Chateau d'Oex	50	150	Good	Cloud	0
Crans	100	300	Good	Snow	0
Disentis	60	190	Good	Snow	-3
Engelberg	60	160	Good	Snow	-3
Gstaad	60	100	Good	Snow	0
Kandersteg	60	70	Good	Snow	1
Klosters	90	170	Good	Cloud	-3
Lenk	50	100	Good	Snow	0
Lenzerheide	75	90	Good	Cloud	-4
Les Diablerets	150	300	Good	Snow	-3
Leysin	150	300	Good	Snow	-3
Morgins	150	250	Good	Snow	-2
Pontresina	125	200	Good	Cloud	-8
Wildhaus	80	140	Good	Snow	-1
GERMANY					
Berchtesgadan	30	70	Fair	—	3
Garmisch	30	70	Good	Cloud	-2
Hindelang	50	80	Fair	—	0
Kleinwalsertal	100	170	Good	—	-1
Mittenwald	40	80	Good	—	-2
Oberammergau	45	70	Good	—	-3
Oberstaufen	70	90	Good	—	-1

Athletics

IAC sets target of £200,000 for Olympic Lottery

By Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent

The International Athletes Club, the trade union of the British athletics team, expects to raise over £200,000 a year as a result of a weekly public lottery, which will be based on the Crystal Palace and Wolverhampton area. The money will be put towards Olympic preparations by the club and the scheme, as it was explained when it was launched yesterday seems certain to net substantial funds for the IAC, even if it does not reach its target.

"We are limited by law to selling 40,000 tickets at 25p each for every lottery," David Bedford, the IAC financial development officer and former world record holder at 10,000 metres, said. "We do not anticipate any problems in selling out each week through a chain of vendors appointed throughout both areas. The individual pribes range from 50p to £500, with a £1,000 jackpot, and 40 per cent of the money raised each week will go to the IAC, without a penny of the club's money being at risk."

Another 40 per cent of the money will be returned to the public in prizes, with an anticipated 3,000 winners each week giving a one in 12 chance of success. The whole scheme is to be run by Competition Management Services Limited.

Boxing

Lucas jumps to fifth place in world list

Mexico City, Feb 2.—Two big wins in Italy have pushed up the Caribbean-born London boxer, Frankie Lucas, into fifth place in the World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight rankings issued here last night. Lucas in ranked third in the division in Britain, behind Alan Minter and Kevin Finnegan.

Lucas jumped from sixteenth place after his impressive win over Norberto Cabrera, of Argentina, last month. In November he had knocked out Angelo Jacupucci, the WBC number three. Minter is ranked seventh. David Green is number three among the welterweights. The lightweight Jim Watt has dropped a place to third because Roberto Duran has become champion, pushing Esteban de Jesus down to second place.

Charlie Magri, the British flyweight champion, will meet the former French champion, Nessim Zebillai, over eight rounds in the main supporting contest when Green meets the Mexican Zover Barajas at the Albert Hall on February 21. Cornelius Boza-Edwards, from Harrow, takes on Carlos Foldes, of Venezuela, in an eight rounds lightweight contest on the same bill.

Squash rackets

Atlas shrugged off at the last moment by Leslie

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Jonathan Leslie, from Beaconsfield, has a chance to avenge his defeat in the semi-final round of the world amateur squash rackets championship in Canada last September. On that occasion Maqsood Ahmed, of Karachi, came back from behind to beat him in the fifth game and went on to win the world title. Tomorrow they will meet again in the semi-final round of the British amateur championship, sponsored by Sun Life Assurance, at Wembley.

Leslie was rather lucky to emerge from a close match with Atlas Khan, younger brother of the better-known Mohibullah, yesterday afternoon. Leslie won 9—7, 3—9, 9—4, 6—9, 9—7 in a match that lasted an hour and a quarter, and was unfortunately notable for a series of close and controversial decisions, with Atlas having marginally the worse of the luck that was going. Once Atlas had settled down, he displayed a wider range of winning shots, but was always prone to have sudden spells of errors, especially when Leslie changed the pace. Leslie was more consistent and the sounder match player.

Leslie won five points in one hand to win the first game from 4—7 down, but Atlas took the second with six consecutive points. Atlas made so many mistakes in the third that Leslie won it without much difficulty, and when Leslie led 5—1 in the fourth the young Pakistani was in desperate trouble. But he came back to win that game with a burst of winning shots. In the fifth game Leslie led 6—1 and had him on the hook once again.

But Atlas then produced a series of winning shots, and Leslie briefly became erratic. The match ended with several close decisions, and Leslie was lucky with the service winner that took him to match-point at 8—7. Then Atlas hit down with a backhand drop.

Maqsood won 9—3, 9—2, 9—4 against Ian Robinson, of Yorkshire. Maqsood is a neat little man, though somewhat fidgety and awkward in his movements. He used a wide range of shot, but seldom made a mistake, and the pressure he imposed was more than Robinson could withstand. Robinson could never quite stay with him in the rallies, nor could he produce enough winning shots.

Two prominent squash personalities have died on consecutive days. On Wednesday the game lost Arthur E. Boyse, chairman of the Edgbaston Priory squash committee, who organized two British open championships and two world amateur team championships. Dr J. L. Blonstein, honorary medical adviser to the Squash Rackets Association and the Amateur Boxing Association, died the following day. Both had been ill for some time.

Rackets

Beazley at his best to help undermine the old guard

By Our Rackets Correspondent

Richard Beazley and Mark Nicholls, two Malvernians, will contest the army rackets championships singles final at Queen's Club today. The defeat of the holder, David Reed-Felstead, by Breazley in three games was the surprise result of the week. When, later, the regimental doubles champions, Andrew Myrtle and Timothy Toyne-Sewell, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, were beaten, all three events had lost their title holders before the final rounds.

The left-handed Beazley beat Reed-Felstead, a leading army player for some years, by 18—16, 15—6, 15—4, and agreed that he had never played better in his life. For one thing his backhand, a very suspect stroke throughout the week, worked admirably and as his confidence increased he hit winners with it.

This successfully blocked one of Reed-Felstead's points of attack. Moreover, Beazley served exceptionally well from both courts and cut his forehand to a good length whether down the wall or across court. There was none of the mistiming that had been noticeable in his stroke play earlier in the week. This posed more problems than Reed-Felstead, a natural rackets player with a good eye, could solve. After the first game he was groping.

Drew and Anthony Egremont-Lee, representing the Light Division, were responsible for putting out Myrtle and Toyne-Sewell of KOSB by 6—15, 5—15, 15—10, 15—12, 15—5, 15—7, in the first of the regimental doubles semi-final round matches. The winners, improving considerably after the first two games, showed themselves to be a neat and well balanced pair.

ARMY SINGLES: Semi-final round: Captain R. M. Beazley (RE) beat Major D. M. Reed-Felstead (RHG/D), 18—16, 15—6, 15—4; 2nd Lieut M. Nicholls (17/21 L) beat Major A. S. G. Drew (Royal Green Jackets), 15—5, 15—3, 15—6.

REGIMENTAL DOUBLES: Semi-final round: The Light Division (Drew and Major A. J. B. Egremont-Lee) beat KOSB (Brigadier A. D. Myrtle and Major T. Toyne-Sewell), 6—15, 5—15, 15—10, 15—12, 15—5, 15—7; RAC (Capt C. M. Craggs and Lieut M. B. H. Evans) beat RHG/D (Reed-Felstead and Capt T. L. J. Livingstone-Learmonth), 15—0, 11—15, 14—17, 15—7, 15—10, 0—15, 15—4.

COMBINED SERVICES DOUBLES (past and present): Second round: Lieut A. B. Trentham (RN) and Lieut R. Moody (RN) beat C. T. M. Pugh and T. M. E. Pugh, 15—5, 15—4, 12—15, 15—5, 15—12. Semi-final round: Toyne-Sewell and Nicholls beat Beazley and Craggs, 15—8, 1—15, 15—12, 11—15, 15—6, 15—11; Reed-Felstead and Evans beat Trentham and Moody, 15—13, 18—13, 11—15, 17—14, 15—8, 15—7.

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Scott is not exactly a director. Thirteen years e made a stylish little *Boy and Bicycle*, for the Film Institute Produc- und, and since then has ed a reputation as a o of the television com- l. Yet—such is the mag- f the British film in- —*The Duellists* is his opportunity to make a film. It is based on a h story by Joseph Con- iginally published as *A of Honour* and later, as *uel*, collected into the *A Set of Six* (1908). story is nothing but a and even earnest t at a bit of historical ....I was trying to cap- n my small net...the of the Epoch—never militaristic in the long f arms, youthful, almost ke in its exaltation of ent—naively heroic in h."

in the Napoleonic Wars, tory, Conrad explains at the outset, tells how officers, like insane trying to gild refined r paint the lily, pursued ate contest through the f universal carnage".

etimes an original work s irrelevant to its film tion. In this case it is ant, because it is clear erald Vaughan-Hughes's play, most of the way very close to Conrad's t and dialogue, was in- as a very direct trans- n. Something, however, en lost in the process.

central idea is still the terrible impasse l by the confrontation n a fool and (what to l's ironic mind is much me) a man of rigid mili- onour. Lieutenant D'Hu- is a cool, handsome, ratic and (in private) pacific officer. Little nant Feraud, a cross and ful Gascon *parvenu*, in- vely and naturally s the other, and confirms sentment by calling him a present so idiotically that it can never in fact ttled. At every turn, in nd peace, through Stras- Augsburg, Lubeck and Russian campaign, the wretched D'Hubert finds himself dogged by this snapping adversary.

The Duellists translates the narrative into meticulous images, and makes a serviceable adventure yarn out of it. What is absent is the irony of Conrad's telling, his barbed amusement at the period romantics, his shrewd assessments of the social and psychological motives that underlie the irreconcilable conflict of the two officers.

The American leading actors Keith Carradine and Harvey Keitel explore the characters as far as they are able—both indeed are excellent—but the film simplifies their case to the plain confrontation of irresistible force (the belligerent halfwit) and immovable object (the gentleman of honour). In consequence the film presents a static situation where the book was a developing one; and the neat new ending provided is a consequently necessary simplification. The characters in the film have not the complexity to account for Conrad's point about D'Hubert's own obsession, which leads him on first to plead for the life of his adversary; then to spare it when it is in his *own hands; and finally (on the* last page of the printed story) to sustain it by secretly providing the livelihood of the now ruined man.

Perhaps it was a sense of this deficiency that led the film-makers unwisely to introduce into the script an unjustified and distorting element—an affair between D'Hubert and a camp follower which, though it provides the convenience of a certain sex interest, entirely negates the point of the last-act wedding of the confirmed military bachelor.

Deprived of psychological subtlety, the film depends on style. Ridley Scott is a very proficient film-maker and has a Cannes Film Festival prize (for this film) to prove it. In a way his very proficiency is a symptom of a particular tragedy of a whole generation of British film-makers who have had to find their livelihood making television commercials. It's easy and dangerous to be snobby about this; but it is a style of work which seems ultimately to leave an indelible mark. Ridley Scott has all the facility and all the bad habits: certain tics of shooting (notice how often approaching figures are shot from a curious thigh-level viewpoint), a belief that rapid action can only be done with a fast-moving, generally hand-held camera and panicky cutting; a general predilection for convulsive editing; a dangerous passion for fine, arresting images. I seem to recall a real atmospheric sense in Scott's 1965 short. This film suffers from excessive pictorialism. The interiors are out of



Low morale on board ship—Brian Narelle, Cal Kuniholm and Dan O'Bannon in Dark Star

David, the battlescapes after Goya, the still-lifes (for which he has a special penchant) from American colour ads for fine port. Not a landscape but has an oblique dawn light to gild the sides of Lorrain-like cottages; and the fog machines are in constant use. There is a characteristic sequence structure, inescapable perhaps when all your training has been in 30-second dramas. Several times a lyrical passage seems all too clearly to be building up to a eulogy of country-fresh butter. Howard Blake, a film music composer I like enormously, must take his share of the blame: you find yourself waiting, in the same way, for the jingle and the product name.

An American film, *Dark Star* was made for a tiny percentage of the cost of *The Duellists* or of any other modestly budgeted commercial film, but it looks a million. Made in fact for $60,000, it runs *Star Wars* very close as a funny, sophisticated sci-fi satire. John Carpenter, again, is not really a new director. He began *Dark Star* seven years ago and finished it four years ago, and has made a subsequent feature *Assault on Precinct 13*, which was shown with great success at the London Film Festival. (Carpenter has just received a special British Film Institute award for the "excellence and promise of his first two feature films".)

The film is an exemplary deployment of its tiny resources, so ingeniously constructed that you hardly notice it alternates a single set with model work. Carpenter himself conceived, produced, directed and wrote the film, and composed the musical score. Dan O'Bannon, a fellow graduate from the Cinema Department of the University of Southern California, co-wrote it, designed it, edited it, did the special effects work and plays one of the four characters. (O'Bannon subsequently worked on the *Star Wars* special effects.)

The acknowledged influences on the film include *Strangelove, 2001*, Samuel Beckett and the Soviet science-fiction epic *Solaris*, which suggested to Carpenter the idea of a future in which, far from being clinically immaculate, things are already starting to fall somewhat to pieces.

"Dark Star" is the name of a space ship of the future, cruising around on a mission to seek out and destroy "unstable" planets—that is, planets which do or might sustain life or otherwise endanger colonization of the universe by the United States. It's been in space 10 light years out from earth, for 20 years, in which, by the natural course of events, its crew have aged only three years. Morale is poor. *The captain has died after a* short circuit and is suspended in a Cyrotenic freezer; the sleeping quarters have gone wrong and they've moved into the foodlocker; the store with the toilet paper has gone on auto-destruct. Unwisely, they've adopted as a pet a reprehensible thing from outer space that looks like a beach ball with claws and has run amuck among the machinery. They've worked through their repertory of reminiscence and practical jokes and are reduced to bickering or to complaining about one another to their video-diaries, or simply hiding away in the ejector units (which turns out perilous).

While things go from bad to worse the computer continues to talk to them in the soothing tones of an air hostess and plays them country-and-western "for your musical enjoyment". Their bombs also talk back, and a malfunctioning one is only persuaded out of premature explosion by a lengthy Cartesian dialogue which leaves it contentedly persuaded that it is God the Creator.

The message is simple enough: that even when they've conquered the universe men will still be imperfect and imperfectible, stupid, quarrelsome, given to nervous instability, irrational actions and general ill behaviour. But Carpenter conveys with a fresh comic intelligence that makes *it all hugely entertaining.*

Another new director working on an absurdly low budget (£2,500 for a 65-minute film), Celestino Coronado, is a Spaniard who worked with Lindsay Kemp and then went on to train at the Royal College of Art Film and Television School. *Hamlet* is an interpretative distillation of the play. The main themes have been extracted and reexamined as a drama of schizophrenia. A dual Hamlet (one of his aspects is also his father's ghost) is acted by twin brothers, David and Anthony Mayer of the RSC. Gertrude and Ophelia are both played by Helen Mirren: and both the player Queen and the player murderer are Vladek Sheybal. The curiously observant Polonius is none other than Quentin Crisp.

It is an interesting, idiosyncratic, not particularly conclusive reflection on the theme. Shooting on videotape, subsequently transferred (by the most elementary process of sticking an Arriflex S 16mm camera in front of the television monitor) to film, Coronado has arrived at a distinctive, rich visual texture in which the flesh of his characters is able literally to thaw, melt and resolve itself into a dew; and then reform itself into new shapes and significances. It is, to say the least, a film not like any other.

Coronado's strength (compared, say, with Ridley Scott) is the pure unhampered vision of his camera style.

Joking Apart
Scarborough

Irving Wardle

Time has always been a key component in Alan Ayckbourn's comedies, but usually in the form of amazing tricks with simultaneity and compression. In his twenty-first play, Ayckbourn reverses the procedure with an action spanning 12 years, which shows time to be no laughing matter.

We start off with a brisk Guy Fawkes party given by Richard and Anthea for their friends and neighbours, an engagingly dotty crew evidently drawn from stereotype: toothy vicar and mousey wife who is scared of bangs; a beady-eyed Finn; Anthea's would-be lover who turns up throughout the play with a string of neglected girlfriends; not to mention a pack of unseen children, one of whom brings the party prematurely to an end by relieving himself on the fireworks.

Ayckbourn can do this kind of scene standing on his head, and it duly erupts as brilliantly as the off-stage rocket, full of obvious gags that take you by surprise through cunning preparation.

The rest of the play follows up the tiny opening hints of discord, showing a widening gap between the four groups and their children, and cuming down from stereotypes into individual characters who become progressively sadder the better we get to know them. Everything is implicit from the start, and the successive scenes, each separated by four years, shows time the wrecker at work.

Richard and Anthea alone are exempt from this process. Successful and generous, they keep open house for their friends, unaware of the resentment and envy they arouse. Occupying a former vicarage with the real vicar confined to an adjoining cottage, they give him the freedom of the garden by knocking down the fence: result, hysterics from his wife, Louise, who wants her privacy.

Louise, memorably played by Shelagh Stuttle, is a deadly study in the domestic tyranny of the weak: every remark, every glance a dagger directed at someone. The measure of Ayckbourn's power is that in the end you feel sympathy even for her, fluttering on in a surprise light-hearted entrance, doped up to the eyeballs.

Equally pathetic is Richard's business partner, Sven, heavily pedantic, regally accepting the attentions of Olive, his doormat wife, and fanatically competitive—only to find himself hopelessly outclassed by Richard's business flair; and beating him at tennis only to discover that Richard was playing a left-handed game. The savagery of this scene, with the fat, complacent Olive transformed into a bloodthirsty Maenad at the edge of the court, is another unnerving stroke of what one must still call Ayckbourn's comic imagination.

Ayckbourn nowadays appears to achieve comedy by strenuously resisting it. The best passages in *Joking Apart* take place in bedtime, when nothing in particular is happening. As characters exchange desultory gossip the atmosphere gradually thickens with some new, unsuspected poison. But for fans of his earlier manner, there are still dexterous examples of his skill with offstage tennis and croquet games, and simultaneous action such as the poor vicar's love declaration in the midst of Sven's match to the death.

It is a superb and chilling piece of work, performed under the author's direction by a crack company among whom I must acknowledge Alison Skilbeck's believably generous Anthea and Robert Austin's obsessively deliberate Sven.

A Day Forever
Open Space

Ned Chaillet

Graveyard laughter has a touch of hysteria to it, and when it turns up in a theatre we inevitably call it black comedy. A better name would be a useful invention, but for want of fit labels, Michael Sharp's *A Day Forever* is a traditional black comedy with jokes over a coffin, moments of seriousness, kinky sexual revelations and complicated family relationships. For the first act Mr Sharp stirs his ingredients into a pleasantly comic mess, but his second act opts for an overdose of sobriety.

Mabel's husband, Arthur Brown, is dead, resting in a coffin in the sitting-room before his departure to the crematorium. His coffin is shortly to be covered with a tablecloth and used as a table where his last visitors can take their sandwiches, but first Mabel will begin grooming her daughter's fiancé to take Arthur's place as a drudge in her home.

June Brown provides Mabel with a vampire smile so predatory that even a less innocent boy than Carol's Ronald should be alarmed. But, like a vampire, Mabel promises as much as she threatens. Even at the risk of angering his fiancée, Ronald is soon carrying tea trays and promising to finish the redecorating that brought on Arthur's fatal heart attack.

Carol (Lynne Miller) still shows signs of being grief-stricken, but Mabel is only annoyed, if a little superstitious: "First the budgie, then Mr Brown—these things go in threes." Her hand on Ronald's thigh suggests that her annoyance will pass and when her brother is caught with her in bed with his trousers down it seems consolation is at hand. That hint of incest does Carol no good, and it only increases Ronald's discomfort.

The greatest loss in the second act is Ronald, for Geoffrey Larder's impassive presence, stuck in a mourning suit two sizes too small, is a great delight. "Ronald'll keep you amused", Mabel breezily tells new mourners, and Mr Larder shifts slightly, inclining his eyeballs to the coffin and proceeds to be dull and genuinely comic. His nicely mannered distress at the stranger goings on is well countered by the bluster of Keith Barron's performance as Mabel's brother, and, certainly, by Mabel.

Unfortunately, Mr Sharp lets himself be horrified at the wonderful monster he has created in Mabel and he sees to it that she is thoroughly and soberly mortified in the second act. While the first act packs the family cupboard with cast-off skeletons from the plays of Joe Orton and Arthur Kopit, he tries to clear the air with a final secret of Arthur's: the appearance of his secret mistress of 10 years. The burden of dull sentiment she carries finally capsizes the play, despite Madhav Sharma's frequently witty production.

rker's piece from Dennis Potter

would we be without inatory, passionate, in- quirky (his word), the if sometimes obscurely ing Dennis Potter? (All opinions differ). Those with television sets be left, from March 7 ls, with six large weekly in the schedules for The Play for Today slot it to send down a whole of Potters.

r himself calls *Pennies Heaven* "a play with in six parts". To a con- le degree, it seems to ut sex. Potter says it is optimism. He is not to calling it religious It is also, undoubtedly, rise in nostalgia. "Nos- is a very distant and ed form of the yearning len" (Potter). It was ed during those dark when *Brimstone and* was being finally given ial *coup de grace*.

ncerns the amorous and hical wanderings of hur Parker, a travelling nusic salesman who is rtunate and unfortunate to believe in the songs suitcase. As the BBC's arning Synopsis has it, r goes from being just dissatisfied husband repressed wife, through of paradise with a f-Dean girl... and on least a shadow of the ".

at sounds bald, we may sured that the reality anything but. Potter's flouting of realistic c conventions is to be s freest rein yet; he is d with the job his Piers Haggard, has nd he regards this opus own best-ever transition age to screen. There sex, there will be vio- nd on one notable occa- e two will pungently



Bob Hoskins in Down Sunnyside Lane

coincide, but constant shakes of the stylistic and musical kaleidoscope will prevent us from regarding such things as "real".

Having seen an interim version of part one, *Down Sunnyside Lane*, I can vouch for the originality and the inventiveness, if not yet absolutely for the clarity of the structure. Songs from the honey-tongued Al Bowlly act as signposts in the story, which takes Arthur off on an eventful trip in his Morris 8. He meets an (obviously "significant") aged hitch hiker with a speech impediment and a squeezebox, he glimpses a chaste angel, and he also enjoys a prostitute for 10 shillings in the back of his car. His wife, meanwhile, safe behind her sunburst gate, disgustedly rejects the smooth-talking love of a beauty-care salesman, and indulges instead, with her prudish married friends, in a different kind of fantasy—foxtrots with the Prince of Wales, dancing on her husband's grave.

Strong stuff, and, on the face of it, perversely whimsical. A number of things give it coherence, however, the most notable of which is Bob Hoskins's performance as the simultaneously romantic and squalid hero. The contrast between private and public morality is solidly staked out. The period *detail is lovingly done*, and the director has used ancient cinematic devices to give an authentic B-movie flavour.

The songs lie at the heart of *Pennies from Heaven*. As in previous Potter plays, the dialogue is often *permeated by* their catchy, clickety-click quality. The videotape version I saw was in black and white, punctuated by a burst of colour each time a Bowlly or an Elsie Carlisle number came up. This framework is, however, now going to be discarded in favour of colour throughout: Potter and his producer Kenith Trodd both felt that the repeated use of such a heavy device would crudely oversimplify their intention. Ah, another song. Irony. Mere dreams.

But dreams are indeed important. Potter has written an essay to be slipped inside the LP which EMI are issuing to accompany the series, and in this he talks about the incidental shocks and insights which contact with this lovable dross can produce in us.

His enthusiasm for this kind of popular music is formed, he says, of "the gap, the ache, between Then and Now, and the possibly even greater divide between the real substance of life as it was at the time and the 'life' depicted in these brief dreams set to music."

"Why can't life be more like the songs?" the hero asks. Potter the divine manipulator replies that ultimately life is. "I've tried to find a mode of religious drama which says that, in the last resort, everything really is all right."

Myself, I may have sensed some *religion lurking there*, but I really could not be sure. Heavy intimations of morality, though. Brutal shifts in tone. Sudden, searingly Potterish explosions of pain. Intermittently, a visionary gaucheness. It will be fascinating to see the finished product.

Michael Church

BBC SO/Schmid
Festival Hall/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

The collector's piece in Wednesday's BBC concert was Mendelssohn's dramatic cantata, the *Die erste Walpurgisnacht*. Half the world's music lovers, if asked had they ever heard it, would probably reply that they had never even heard of it. Yet when Berlioz wandered into rehearsals in 1843 for the Leipzig premiere of the revised version, he was so impressed that he insisted on Mendelssohn's making him a present of the baton he had just used to conduct it.

The original setting dates from 1831-2, the time of the Italian "symphony", when Mendelssohn's imagination was at its keenest. The text is an independent ballad (nothing to do with *Faust*) by his boyhood idol, Goethe, relating how a band of Druids, determined to practise their forbidden rites, put their Christian persecutors to flight by disguising themselves as devils.

The high spot of the work is their big central chorus "Come with spikes and prongs", written with a devilish urgency and brilliance for instruments as well as voices. All Mendelssohn's sympathy goes to the heathens. The retreating Christians are a timid lot in comparison, and the work ends with another stirring Druid chorus led by their priest, in praise of ritual fire and purifying light.

The overture is no less striking, not least when its agitated. A minor opening (subtitled "Schlechtes Wetter") dissolves into radiant lyricism at the coming of spring—an enchantment carried over into the first female chorus in praise of May.

Deputising for the originally advertised Christoph von Dohnanyi, Erich Schmid conducted it eagerly and got splendid response from the BBC Symphony Orchestra, BBC Singers and BBC Chorus alike in conveying the unflagging strength of the motivation behind it. That, as Berlioz recognized, is undeniable even though characteristically disciplined. As the Druid priest, Benjamin Luxon had by far the most important solo role and (apart from one patch of dubious intonation when launching the big central chorus) discharged it gloriously. Helen Watts sounded suitably frail and tremulous in her brief contribution as an aged heathen woman, and Anthony Rolfe Johnson successfully overcame a throat infection in smaller tenor solos.

Vienna Flute Trio
Purcell Room

Max Harrison

Flute, cello and piano is not a particularly inviting combination, and it was not surprising that only two of the works in Wednesday's programme by the Vienna Flute Trio *actually* used all three instruments. The rest of the time was occupied with duo sonatas, and one of these is more familiar in another form. First came a trio by Beethoven, a characteristically vigorous piece, especially in its final variations, yet scarcely of maximum distinction. Initially Helmut Deutsch's piano covered the other instruments, but the balance was soon adjusted, and some neat, thoughtful phrasing could be heard. Plenty of feeling was evident, and one wished that it had been devoted to something of greater consequence.

Heidi Litschauer was heard in a D major cello sonata of Brahms, which turned out to be an arrangement, in his own hand, of the familiar Violin Sonata, Op 78. The downward transcription results in considerable turgidity, above all in the slow movement, and one could not help feeling that one of the regular cello sonatas might have been chosen instead. However, Miss Litschauer made out the best possible case for it, with a strong, dark tone, cogent phrasing, and flexible teamwork with Mr Deutsch.

Prokofiev's Sonata, Op 94, is most often heard in its violin version, but the flute original emphasizes the music's dry humour, perhaps through the wind instrument's air of cool detachment. Wolfgang Schulz's sound is an attractively pure one, he commands unfaltering agility, and his performance was a fine one. It revealed, for instance, that the first movement's seemingly inconsequent succession of what one is tempted to call street-corner tunes adds up to something of substance. To close, the full ensemble returned for a trio by Martinu that was at once busily inventive, cheerfully inconsequential, and excellently written for the medium.

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

John Percival

It was with an impressive account of Oberon while still a student that Mark Silver graduated into the Royal Ballet in 1973. *Soon afterwards he took* the role again on tour but Wednesday's performance at Covent Garden was, I think, the first since then. I imagine it may be even more nerve-racking to return to it now, knowing the difficulties, and certainly I was far more conscious of the mechanics of the technique watching this performance.

Still, if it did not quite recapture that first, fine, careless rapture, it was a highly capable performance, with something of the sharpness though not the elegance of the way Dowell plays it. A less fancy make-up might give added authority another time and, judging from the way he has got to grips with the Winter solo in *Four Seasons*, I would expect to see Silver add more control and fluency to his already flexible dancing.

Ann Jenner danced Titania's solos with a delicate prettiness, and Andrew Moore as Demetrius was a lively exception to the general staidness of the lovers. Graham Fletcher is not yet so dazzling a Puck as Wayne Sleep has become, but he already shows more than a little brilliance in his solos and has a resourceful sense of humour. I wish someone could put more light on the dancers and less on odd patches of the backcloth.

A change of cast in *Monotones* put the chief interest back, where it rightly belongs, on the white second trio. I cannot understand why we are never allowed nowadays to see Vyvyan Lorrayne, for whom the central role was made, but among recent replacements Marguerite Porter is one of the best. The slow, carefully placed movements suit her. Michael Batchelor and Ashley Page, excellent supporters, will be better still when more relaxed.

Kevin Smith
Wigmore Hall

Thomas Walker

It was an interesting and challenging programme of "Songs to the lute" that the counter tenor Kevin Smith gave on Wednesday at the Wigmore Hall. In choosing works composed over the brief span of 30 years around 1600 by English, French and Italian composers, he constructed a microcosm of contrasting traditions and broached nearly every problem of style that the turn of that century has to offer.

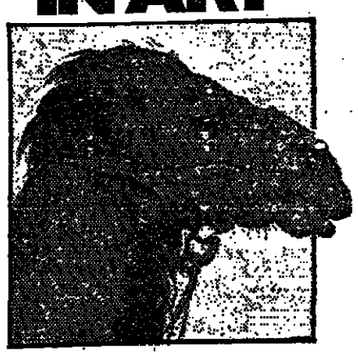
Mr Smith did not always find the solutions to the tasks he set himself easy. He has a full, penetrating voice tempered by a fair amount of operatic experience. That need not be an obstacle to *singing in camera*, but I found disappointing his lack of flexibility and failure to *adjust to the Wigmore's intimacy*, particularly noticeable in the top of the range.

The English group consisted of pleasant songs by Thomas Ford and Philip Rossiter, pleasantly delivered. Airs by John Dowland were the acid test. I have never been sure whether such a test is failed through the inability of the acid to corrode or the incapacity of the material to resist; I can only report in the event a notable lack of chemical reaction.

In choosing arias and madrigals by the Roman-Florentine singer-composer Giulio Caccini, Mr Smith staked a somewhat unusual claim for a counter tenor, since falsettists were already becoming rare in seventeenth-century Italy. On balance, I am glad that he did.

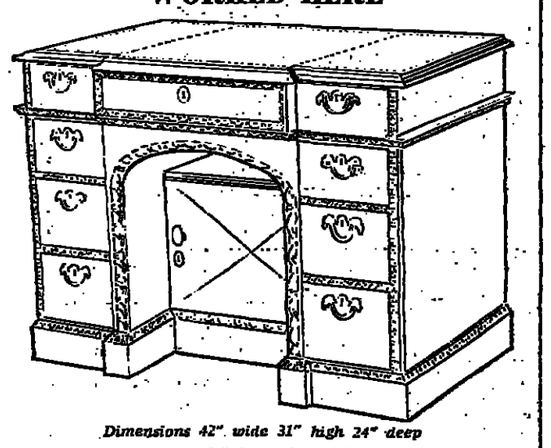
If he lacked the fire and the studied casualness, *Nobile Sprezzatura* as the Italians would have had it, he sailed through Caccini's vocal flights with more assurance and agility than I have sometimes heard.

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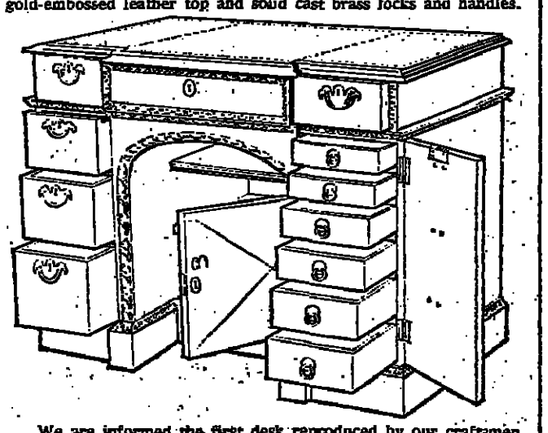
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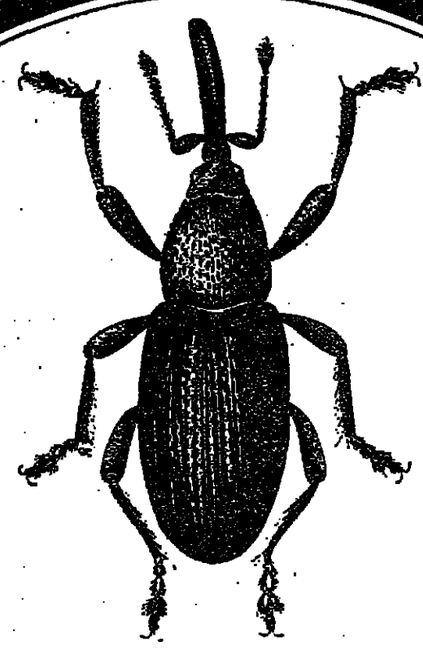
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Abba Eban: some timely advice for Mr Begin



"When I, as Israel's Foreign Minister, first addressed the Council of Europe in 1970, I looked behind me to find the presidential chair occupied by Geoffrey De Freitas, who had been president of the (Cambridge) Union when I first spoke there.

On that occasion he had not called upon me before cautiously inquiring whether I was "fluent enough in English" to be worthy of the distinction. It may have been in memory of that scepticism that having taken one look at him, I addressed the Council of Europe in French".

That passage from his autobiography published yesterday gives the flavour of Abba Eban as well as anything can. English is in fact his native tongue. (He was born in Cape Town but raised in London from the age of seven months.) The English edition of his book is the original; the Hebrew translation, made under his supervision, will be out in Israel next month. He is enormously proud of his fluency not only in those two languages but in French, Arabic, Latin, Greek, and tells us that he won not only a Triple First in Classics and Oriental Languages but a prize for Syriac and a Research Fellowship in Persian. "This aggregate of dignities was apparently rare enough to justify notices in the Cambridge and London press. . . ."

In short, modesty is not his fault and though he tells us he used to vie with Sir Lewis Namier in striking out superfluous verbiage from Zionist memoranda, he himself seldom seems to use a short one where a long one can be found. He is certainly never at a loss for words of one sort or another, but his pomposity is tempered with humour and redeemed by an intelligence so lively that one can listen to him without impatience.

Bidden by his publishers to meet him in his London hotel room this week, I found he needed little prompting to dilate on the current events in the Middle East. Asked to rate Mr Begin's performance as Prime Minister, he promptly volunteered what he himself termed "a school report". Good marks were given for recognition of Egyptian sovereignty in Sinai, for skill in setting up appropriate procedural machinery, for willingness not to be too much tied to past slogans, and for "willingness to say that Jewish sovereignty in Eretz Israel is in abeyance—that is an axiom for me, but innovative for him, as is proved by the howls from his zealots".

By contrast, apprentice Begin scored badly with his lack of flexibility on the Egyptian-Israeli boundary and especially his insistence on the settlements. ("World opinion might have understood better if it were an airfield we wanted to keep.") Weaknesses were also detected in his autonomy proposal for the West Bank and Gaza—mainly his insistence that the Palestinian Arabs should make do with that for all time, rather than just for this stage.

But Mr Eban was not pessimistic. "The key to success," he insisted, "is the provisionality of the autonomy idea. It would be possible for the Arabs to accept something as a stage that they can't accept as a final answer." The problem could be solved, he thought, by resort to that much-decried diplomatic virtue, creative ambiguity. "If you want anything to happen in February-March 1978 there must be a formula capable of different interpretations. Begin must be able to say that autonomy will be so successful that it will be the final answer, while the Palestinians and the Arabs in general must be able to say that at best this is a weakening of the Israeli hold on the Arab population, but we hope that autonomy will develop towards independence."

The only real debate within Zionism, Mr Eban said, had always been between the acceptors and rejecters of partition—between those who believed the Arabs and Jews of Eretz Israel should live together in one state, and those who felt that two states were needed. He himself had been a partitionist ever since 1938. He was convinced that the two people did not have "sufficient ends in common to make a unitary structure feasible". The "natural political context of the Palestinian Arabs" was not Israel but Jordan. "But if you want a solution now it's no use being too clear about it." The risk that autonomy might develop into full statehood was one that Israel had to take.

"The hope would be to create an atmosphere in which Palestinian independence would not be in the Israeli mind synonymous with irridentist anti-Israeli violence—and on the Arab side one would hope they would see the virtue of merging into a larger unit. The essence is that they should live in an Arab, not an Israeli context. If they don't like the Hashemite regime they can settle that problem without reference to us."

Thus Mr Eban feels that the essence of the Begin plan—whether Mr Begin himself realizes it or not—is "a peace treaty with Egypt and an interim settlement with the Palestinians". But in working out the precise formula the United States would have a decisive role to play. "Both parties are looking to them to extricate them, by providing a formula which each can interpret in terms of a different vision of the future."

Edward Mortimer

David Simpson marks an anniversary in the troubled life of Alexander Ginzburg

Only top-level pressure can rescue the doyen of the dissidents

A year ago today in Moscow, a man leaving his home to use a telephone box was arrested by the KGB. His offence was his membership of the USSR Helsinki Monitoring Group. He was Alexander Ginzburg, the first of many more arrested and harassed in the same connexion.

Today, as the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe sits round its diplomatic tables in Belgrade, not only may there be little awareness of the importance of this anniversary; there may also be little knowledge of the sheer size of the Soviet government's affront to the spirit of Helsinki. For by now those who followed Ginzburg into prison—and in two cases into that most insidious speciality of Soviet repression, the psychiatric institution—for their Helsinki monitoring activities, total no less than 15. Add to these five more who have found it expedient to emigrate and it becomes apparent that the Soviet authorities now have an embarrassingly large pile of "Helsinki dissidents" swept under the carpet.

Aside from today's anniversary, the case of Ginzburg himself deserves a closer look, not least for his sheer longevity in the arena of Soviet dissent. To the nervous hands which type out the *samizdat*, the unofficial literature of the dissident movement, the name of Ginzburg must almost seem to deserve its own key—for he was appearing regularly as far back as 1960, a clear half decade before the name Sakharov began to gain its widespread fame.

Alexander Ilyich Ginzburg was born in 1936. In his Moscow youth he was actively producing *samizdat* material some years before that term itself entered the general vocabulary of the USSR. From 1958 to 1960 he produced the *samizdat* poetry journal, *Syntax*.

Ginzburg's first imprisonment came in 1960, when he received a two year sentence for "forging a certificate in order to sit an examination on behalf of a friend". His *Syntax* work was almost certainly the real reason. In 1964, a more familiar tool of repression, the charge of "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda", was applied to Ginzburg for his *samizdat* activities, but was eventually dropped.

In 1966 Mr Ginzburg compiled the *White Book*, a collection of material on the first major literature trial since Stalin: the 1965-66 trial of Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuly Daniel. Arrest came in 1967 and trial, together with three others, in January 1968. This "Trial of the Four" was the subject of unprecendented protest by a number of Soviet citizens, many of whom were in turn victimized. For example, Mr B. A. Zolotukhin, a leading Moscow lawyer who admirably conducted Ginzburg's defence, was stripped, within five months, of all offices necessary to his work. *A Chronicle of Current Events* was started and the Soviet human rights movement took the form in which we know it today.

Ginzburg's sentence was five years' imprisonment, served at first in corrective labour colonies in Mordovia, several hundred miles south of Moscow. Not only did his protests continue—this time against the bad prison conditions—but this period also saw an extraordinary personal achievement: he persuaded the authorities to allow him to marry Irina Zholkovskaya. The couple now have two small boys. Punishment for the protests followed, of course, notably by a term in the notorious Vladimir prison. When release came in 1972 harassment did not stop. "Restrictions on former prisoners" was the instrument this time, forcing Ginzburg to reside in Tarusa, some 50 miles south of Moscow and his family.



Alexander Ginzburg with his two sons.

In March 1974 Ginzburg announced that the exiled writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn had appointed him administrator of a fund for the relief of political prisoners and their families. Donations were invited, using the Tarusa address and a stunning response followed. In the first three years some £35,000 was collected from Soviet citizens and from this and from the Solzhenitsyn money and other donations, around £200,000 was distributed to 900 families.

The mid-seventies saw constant difficulty, in terms of residence, employment, and petty restrictions on movement, though his work on human rights matters was never halted. In May 1976, perhaps inevitably, Alexander Ginzburg became a founding member of the unofficial "Group for the Assistance of the Implementation of the Helsinki Agreements in the USSR."

What, then, of those who have joined him? It is important to note that the monitors are no Moscow-based elite. The two who are held in the infamous Serbsky Institute for Forensic Psychiatry, Zviad Gamsakhurdia and Merab Katara, are Georgians, arrested on April 7. Myroslav Marynovych and Mykola Matusevych, arrested on April 23, and Levko Lukyanenko, taken in December, are all Ukrainians; and Robert Nazarian and Ambartsum Khlgatian, arrested at Christmas, are Armenians. If the time of the arrests is plotted against the calender of Helsinki-related meetings, the first arrests are revealed clearing-up process right the Belgrade preparatory ing which started in Jun while things were quiet the second round of Be meetings began in Octo clear purge took place Christmas recess, prior assembly in the middle month.

The prospects of the viduals are bleak: apart the strange case of Landa, a retired geologis tenced to two years' ex connexion with a fire i flat, only two others have tried. Rudenko and Tikh Ukrainians, received at July trial crushing senten the stiffest charges being a "recidivist", no got 10 years' imprisonme five years' exile, but h serve the prison senten the toughest, "special" r Camp No 1 of the Mord complex. Eleven prisoner of a total camp populati about 100, are reported t died there in 1976.

The task for the formed Committee for the port of Alexander Gin for Amnesty Internationa others campaigning for release of the monitors, formidable one. Only the ledge that the Soviet au ties have been seen time again to be sensitive t trained pressure, makes goals seem attainable. Bu pressure must not just b trained, it must be high-pow And that means pressure governments.

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Bernard Levin

Fear not, this is a wonder that really does stir the spirit

The Taj Mahal has a great deal to live up to. So much, indeed, that there can be few thoughtful visitors today who, knowing something of its reputation, do not fear the betrayal of expectation. How can *anything* justify the rhapsodies, the descriptions, the history, the legends, the very photographs?

I confirm that it was in such a spirit, almost with fingers crossed behind my back, that I paid my two rupees, passed through the outer arch, and approached the inner, which serves, when you have advanced to the right point, as a frame for the picture before you. Fear nothing; the sight that there swims into view surpasses everything you have heard or seen or read or imagined, and almost the only intense emotion you will not experience as the frame fills is disappointment.

They told me that the Taj Mahal is beautiful, and they were right. They also told me that it is white, though here they were wrong, for white is almost the only colour it is not, except for a few minutes immediately after the sun goes down; at that point all the delicate blues and greys and yellows and pinks are drawn from it and leave it like a ghost, until it takes on its evening life and becomes as rich as the moon.

They were right about the beauty, and wrong about the colour. What they altogether omitted to mention was the fact that it is perfectly symmetrical. Apart from the flight of steps in the front, leading up to the marble platform on which the whole building rests, it is completely symmetrical in two senses. Each of the four sides is identical with the other three, not only in shape and size but in the last detail of decoration; and each side could be folded over on the central perpendicular, when the two halves would be found to match exactly. The Taj Mahal, in short, is God Almighty's Rohrschach blot, and says much for the attractiveness of the patient's subconscious.

There has been much argument over the identity of the architect; I gather that modern scholarship generally suggests that Shah Jehan designed it himself. If so, Plato's philosopher-king was surely embodied in him, for although I have the liveliest respect for the wide variety of accomplishments displayed by our Heir Apparent, I take leave to doubt if he is quite up to creation of this order. (And on this scale: the other thing they didn't tell me was how enormous it is.)

It floats. And this is not an allusion to the way in which it is reflected in the long watercourse that runs from the entrance to the very foot of the building, though that is indeed a miracle within a miracle, particularly when, at evening, the fountains, evenly spaced down the centre of the channel, are turned on, so that the shimmering reflection of the building turns into a snowstorm, a Seurat, a kaleidoscope, a dancing mosaic. But even without the water, the Taj Mahal would still float.

It sits, as I say, on a square platform, and the huge central cupola, guarded by the four minarets (which draw the eye inward, not out to the corners where they stand) is of enormous mass; the façade, too, is a mighty wall of marble, and the arched door and windows, together with the pierced screens and the coloured inlays beneath the dome, ought logically to appear as supporters for the stupendous mass and weight above. Instead, they act as tethers to what otherwise would soar into the sky. It is not just that the architecture is delicate, the weight run off like rainwater or lightning; it really does seem lighter than air, and the dome, as you watch, seems to be made of egg-shell.

Actually, the image we have from the pictures (and even at first glance) of a hemisphere cupola, is an optical illusion; the curve continues well below the circumference, into, and almost to the lower edge of, the decorated "collar" in which it rests, which must presumably have made the construction even more difficult. There is another optical illusion built into it; the verses from the Koran that surround the central arch on each side are inscribed in lettering which grows larger towards the top, so that from the ground it looks of uniform size, instead of appearing to shrink as it would if it were all the same size. This is like the famous "bulge" in the platform of the Parthenon, which would otherwise look as though it was sagging towards the middle. (I was on the Acropolis at Christmas, shocked to find that you can no longer go inside the Parthenon, and it occurs to me that I do not often see two of the seven wonders of the world within a month. Who first worked out the need for these two devices? And who, incidentally, first noticed that they had been employed?)

The Taj Mahal provokes more questions than those. Every block in the mighty dome, for instance, must be curved to a particular formula, and no curve in any one layer will be exactly the same as in the layers above and below. (The image of the dome is of almost incredible smoothness and regularity.) How was the appallingly complex problem that this posed solved without a computer and other modern tools? (Mind you, every imaginable scientific aid is available to architects today, and the result can be seen in Juxon House, the Hayward Gallery, the north and west sides of George Square, Edinburgh, and the building in which these words were typed and printed. They had Shah Jehan and the Taj Mahal, and we have Victoria Street: *Allah akbar*.

I found my own reactions extraordinary; at any rate extraordinary enough for me to spend a lot of time thinking about them. The comparison that came to mind was with the *Wieskirche*, that baroque masterpiece near Munich which I have on occasion gone several hundred miles out of my way to visit. Zimerman's Christian church seems to be made entirely of light; I dream of one day hearing a performance of *The Creation* within its walls, and its effect on me—not just at my first sight of it but every time since—is a great burst of sunlit joy inside the brain, which illuminates the universe from within.

The Taj Mahal, on the other hand, seems to be made of air, and the effect it had on me was to induce a kind of cosmic sadness, which grew in intensity through the hours I spent there every day (I stayed three days in the vicinity), until I began to feel it would kill me; on the last evening, when I turned to leave, with no more time in hand than was necessary to get to the airport, I did not dare to look back through the arch at the framed view as I left, for the fear of being turned into a pillar of marble and for the certainty that I would weep.

This laceration of the heart I also feel when I hear the main theme of the *adagio* of the Ninth Symphony, when I stand before one of the late Rembrant self-portraits, and every time I go down the Grand Canal. The obvious conclusion is that those are the things that enable me to hear the secret harmonies of the universe, and the obvious conclusion is probably the right one. If so, I presume the sadness comes from my inability to hear them all the time and at full strength, and if *that* is so then I can say that I can never have felt the inability so keenly as I did before the Taj Mahal.

On that last day, I sat till the sun went down; as it did, a huge flight of birds flapped slowly before the dome, "making their course to the rooky wood". They made a quivering black ribbon for it, gently pulled across by an invisible hand, and when they were gone the building donned its evening garb, the colours more delicate than ever, the lightness more pronounced; and it was time to go. For the next 10 days I kept making impossible plans, involving air time-tables of ferocious complexity, to get back for a final glimpse before leaving India. It could not, in fact, be done, so instead of impossible plans I made a possible vow: to return.

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The Taj Mahal: a 'floating' study in perfect symmetry

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The last-minute valet for a voyage into exile

A firm believer that the footnotes of history are often as interesting as the headlines, I am retelling a little-known story about the Abdication. I have condensed it from the version told by Alfred Shaughnessy in his autobiography *Both Ends of the Candle* (Peter Owen, £5.25).

The author was script editor for the television series *Upstairs, Downstairs*. But for the purpose of this story that is not important. What matters is that his stepfather was Sir Piers Legh, equerry to King Edward VIII, who sailed on board the destroyer Fury which took the ex-king into exile on December 12, 1936.

Mr Shaughnessy got a first-hand account of the short sea voyage from his stepfather, and confirmed it with Captain Cecil Howe, commander of Fury, who now lives in Lee-on-Solent.

The Prince's valet, surname Crisp, would not accompany his master into exile, so the ex-king had to carry his Cairn bitch up the gangway himself. More seriously, there was no one to look after the royal clothes.

Sir Piers asked the steward from the royal yatch if he would fill the breach. He said he would, but did not have a civilian suit. Captain (then commander) Howe told him he could borrow his if it fitted. It did.

Arrived at Boulogne, all disembarked and climbed on board the train for Austria. All, that is, except the surrogate valet. The French authorities refused to allow him ashore as he carried no passport.

"Thus", writes Mr Shaughnessy, "the ex-king went into exile with no one to press his trousers until he reached Schloss Enzesfeld."

In the favourite watering place of a leading London advertising agency, the copy writer in charge of a new campaign for a certain motor car moans to his colleagues: "The trouble is, I am on the horns of a two-edged sword." Painful, I should think.

Double first for Homerton

Homerton College, Cambridge, is assured of a place in the history books. It was Britain's first mixed training college for teachers, and, just a year ago, after a lot of fuss and academic grunting, it became an approved society of Cambridge University, taking its place alongside Hughes Hall and the Lady Cavendish.

Now I hear that Homerton is marking up another "first". One of its trainee teachers has become the first woman chairman of Cambridge University Conservative Association.

Rosemary Chubb is 22 and specializes in history. You might think she would use the occasion of her signal success to make some vibrant point about women's liberation. Not so Miss Chubb. "I won't be intimidated, and I know there have been mutterings about the skirt vote, but I believe a bit of charm will take me a long way", she says.

Miss Chubb, who comes from Winchester, has been in the Tory chair for little more than a fortnight.

Tory middle ground mutterings

Some Tory MPs are furious, others merely depressed, with Mrs Thatcher for reanimating the immigration issue. As they number no more than 20 to 30, the sum total of their dissatisfaction scarcely pushes the needle beyond the muttering mark, but I have picked up word from Westminster that, by adopting Powellite language, the Tory leader might well have alienated the middle ground.

"If she loses the election" said one, "we'll want to know why."

Another disgruntled Tory was more subtly bitter. "Mrs Thatcher has displayed those qualities of political and moral leadership for which she had obvious potential when I decided not to support her in the election for the party leadership."

A publisher's correction to the latest edition of Dod's Parliamentary Companion *reads: "Reference. Lord Gibson's biography: for National Front read National Trust."*

The ins and outs of cricket

This is a plain man's guide to cricket. It is the work of 15-year-old Jonathan Wood, of Herne Hill, south-east London, who responded to a call from Capital Radio, the London commercial station, to explain the sport to an 11-year-old Michigan girl. Jonathan wrote:

"You have two sides, one out in the field and one in. Each man that's in the side that's in, goes out and when he's out he comes in, and the next man goes in until he's out.

"When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

"Sometimes you get men still in and not out. When both sides have been in and out, including the not outs, that's the end of the game."



The magazine, Chartered Surveyor, *advises members of the Sussex branch that there will be "a talk on liquidations at the Black Lion" in Brighton.*

White faces over a green revolt

A green revolution by indignant campus gardeners has upset the academic calm of the Open University in rural Milton Keynes, I am sorry to report.

The nine men who cut the lawns and tend the herbaceous borders at the rapidly expanding site have been annoyed at the way their efforts have been spoilt by contractors carrying out the most extensive building programme since the university opened its doors.

Newly-grassed areas have been either torn up by contractors' vehicles or tarred for the parking of cars, and hurtful rumours of gardening redundancies have increased as green areas have shrunk.

Eventually, the nine were driven to demand assurances that there would be no redundancies, and to seek advice from their union.

A university official confirmed yesterday that peace has now been restored. He said: "Everyone here is having to put up with mud and hassle. There are bound to be differences of opinion between gardeners and construction men but it's all been sorted out."

The university is now trying to find the anonymous author of the "scurrilous gossip" that the large flower bed in the centre of the roundabout by J block is to be surfaced over.

Sir Walter Perry, the vice-chancellor, would also like to know who suggested that the gardeners should allow his garden to fall into a state of disrepair as a reprisal.

The bicentenary of the death of composer Thomas Arne is being celebrated in an exhibition mounted by the British Library which opens at the British Museum today. The exhibition reminds us that while much of his work has slipped into obscurity, his patriotic productions remain famous. Arne's arrangement of the National Anthem helped that work to gain general acceptance, and he gained enormous popularity with his "Rule Britannia", which was written as part of a masque about King Alfred. Surely Britain did not rule the waves in those days?

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AWLESS, SECRET, UNDEFINED

was only a matter of time ore a company decided to llenge in the courts the vernment's use of various vers or supposed powers to rce negotiators into observing wage guidelines. In this e there seem to be two ues together, namely whether company has in fact ached the guidelines and ether, if it has, the Governnt can order it to cut insure premium rates as a punishnt. The company is contesting h propositions.

un Alliance's decision should welcomed, however, on the ler ground that it is high e for the present situation be clarified. Having failed in attempt to get the trades ions and Parliament to agree a voluntary incomes policy for ge three, the Government has effect introduced a mandatory e by stealth and on an ad hoc sis. In doing so, it has assumed wers and taken actions which m to many to be of a highly estionable kind. The sooner courts pronounce on the bject the better.

The Government's motives in ing what it has done are not question. It is concerned to ntinue the fall in the rate of ge inflation. It believes that e policy it is pursuing is contriting to that end. It is interpreg powers contained in various ts in ways that have not been ne before. In particular ses it is using the concept of he national interest" as the stification for such interpretaon of its discretionary powers. us, for example, it is using its national interest" discretion in e matter of granting export guarantees under an act which was previously assumed to apply only to the promotion of exports, in order now to impose a domestic incomes policy. In general it is using the threat of the withdrawal of public sector contracts to the same end. This practice raises the wider question of whether public sector bodies do not have obligations when ordering to take the best products at the best price.

The Government must have taken legal advice before embarking on this course. Even so, the Government would not deny that most of these interpretations of its discretionary powers are unusual. Its basic justification is that the end justifies the means. That, however, is the foundation of lawless government. It is critical for the future of constitutional government that the drift in this direction should be subjected to the closest possible scrutiny by the courts.

There are additional reasons why the present policy is objectionable. At a practical level, it is understandable that the Government was concerned to avert the possibility of an immediate wage explosion when the previous phase of its incomes policy came to an end last July. It was for this reason that it placed such importance on the preservation of the "twelve month" rule. In that phase, until the general climate of the present wage round was established, the Government entered into the policy of using extra-legal psychological pressures on wage negotiators.

That stage is now long past. The Government have drifted towards a permanent incomes policy with two distinctly objectionable qualities. The first is that it is being conducted in secrecy. The second is that it lacks any definition. It is what the Government says it is and it applies to whom the Government says it applies. Such a procedure is not acceptable.

The policy lacks definition in that the only statement of policy that has even been discussed by the House of Commons is the original statement that economic policy this year requires the wage bill to rise by no more than an average of 10 per cent. That figure has now the status of a foundation for an incomes policy, applied as if the Government had statutory authority, but it is a mere statement, not a law. Worse, however, without discussion, the Government has decided that an average of 10 per cent shall be interpreted as a ceiling of 10 per cent in normal circumstances. That is an administrative interpretation without a shred of authority.

In the circumstances, it is not surprising that the Government is conducting the exercise in the greatest secrecy. For it would not stand examination in the limelight. In a free society, however, it is intolerable that the Government should refuse to confirm or deny the existence of blacklists of firms against which sanctions have been threatened or employed. If the Government considers that it needs a specific and interventionist incomes policy, it has no constitutional choice but to announce its plans and then obtain Parliamentary approval for them.

'EACE SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY PEACEFUL MEANS

Dr Owen admitted yesterday e Malta talks did not proce agreement on the Anglonerican plan for Rhodesia. or have the talks in Salisbury ached agreement on the ternal solution. As the talks ith the Patriotic Front have en postponed for two months, hile Bishop Muzorewa has turned to the table in Salisury, Mr Smith's plan may seem lead. Nothing is certain, howver. The Bishop has turned gainst the ten-year constituonal veto conceded by the black aders to Mr Smith as essential he is to persuade the whites agree to black rule in all her respects.

Though the two sets of disssions seem to be about fferent settlements, there is a nnexion between them. The aders all know and watch each her carefully—perhaps keeping touch through intermediaries. either black front is solid. Each ould like to split the other and in over allies. In Salisbury the oblem is to produce an agreeent which will at once enable r Smith to get white support r it, and yet will remove e motives of the guerrillas for continuing the fight. The Patriotic Front's retort is to proclaim in advance that any such settlement will be colonialist and will bring not peace but more war to the Africans in Rhodesia—and thus to discourage them from supporting any government emerging from it.

Though the Bishop's position in the leadership contest may affect his latest moves, his change of line accords with these considerations. He may well feel on reflection, and with an eye on Malta, that the "white blocking third" and separate racial rolls give the Patriotic Front too much political ammunition. Ultimately it may fall to him to call on the guerrillas to cease fighting the black state of Zimbabwe. As his following is believed to be the largest in Rhodesia, this consideration must weigh with him. It should weigh with the others too, for they would be lost without him. Yet the Bishop must help with Mr Smith's problem, for if the guerrillas turn their guns against a Zimbabwe led by Muzorewa and Sithole, the new black government will need the whites to keep fighting as well as farming.

The refusal of the Patriotic Front leaders, Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe, supported or ordered by their military chiefs, to make significant concessions to Dr Owen and Ambassador Young, suggests they believe in victory, or some signal success, this year in the war. Dr Owen told Parliament that he foresaw the eventuality that Britain might ultimately have to recognize a regime established by force. That remark suggests he thinks they may win the war if his plan is not accepted. It may encourage intransigence rather than the reverse.

But an earlier eventuality might be the decision whether to recognize a regime established by agreement between whites and blacks in Rhodesia, which would then ask Britain for legal recognition, and the world for cooperation in ending illegal attacks on it. Dr Owen's attitude in the next weeks and months may have some influence on whether such a regime can be established, and even more influence on whether, once established, it will develop securely and in peace. He should not use it in a negative way.

JNIMPEDED ACCESS TO THE OMBUDSMAN

t the moment the Parliaentary Ombudsman, as he has cided to call himself, can deal ith a complaint only if it is ferred to him by an MP. That nfirms his constitutional link ith Parliament, was intended establish the authority of the fice in its early days, avoids y challenge to the role of the P as the proper channel of mplaint for the citizen against e executive and is a safeguard ainst the Ombudsman being amped with allegations that e either irrelevant or beyond s jurisdiction. But now he ould be happy to see this nitation removed and proposes tentative first step that would as far as it would be possible go without legislation.

The number of complaints ceived through MPs is now nning at a significantly higher vel than a few years ago, but r Idwal Pugh points out in his nual report, published yesterty, that they are still fewer an those received by many mbudsmen even in countries ith a smaller total population. e clearly believes that the present arrangements deter a good number of people with a valid grievance. For that to be balanced there would have to be strong arguments of practice or principle in favour of the existing arrangements.

The constitutional link with Parliament certainly matters a great deal. Apart from any other consideration, the Ombudsman must often depend upon the support of Parliament and public opinion if his recommendations are to be accepted. But that link does not require complaints to be channelled through MPs. What is critical is that he should always report to Parliament and maintain the closest connexions with the select committee. It would be a different matter if there was any question of depriving MPs of the right to refer complaints to the Ombudsman. They might justifiably resent that as a restriction upon their powers, but all that is suggested is an alternative avenue of complaint at a time when most MPs are not short of constituents' cases.

Even if it was necessary at first to bolster the authority of the office by having the complaints come through MPs, that consideration can hardly still apply ten years later. There is a different procedure for the Health Service Commissioner—the other hat worn by Sir Idwal—which does not seem to have undermined the standing of that office. Indeed, the public reputation of the Ombudsman is much more likely to be jeopardized by arrangements that make it seem difficult to get a complaint through to him—which can be the case if a person's MP is reluctant to pass it on. Although it is always possible to go through another MP, that can be a tedious business for someone not versed in the ways of the House of Commons.

There is the contrary consideration: that an Ombudsman might drown in his own popularity. He could be so inundated with foolish or misdirected complaints that he could not cope with the serious cases. But if he is himself prepared to take the risk why should he be stopped?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Israel's position in peace talks

From the Ambassador of Israel

Sir, The article by Dr Noah Lucas in *The Times* of February 1 leaves a great deal to be desired in terms of balance and fact.

May I be permitted to make the following comments?

(1) Dr Lucas writes: "Israel could have granted autonomy (to the Arabs of the West Bank) at any time during the past 10 years." Israel administered these territories since 1967 while openly menaced (and in 1973 actually attacked) by Arab states while maintaining a state of belligerency. It is naive to assert that Israel could reasonably be expected to offer autonomy except within the context of a peace treaty such as is now being discussed with a leading Arab power.

(2) The "new Israeli claim" for sovereignty," casually tucked away" in Prime Minister Begin's peace plan, as your contributor puts it, is no such thing. The plan (Article 24) explicitly spells out that "Israel stands by its right" while aware "that other claims exist" and therefore proposes that the entire question of sovereignty in these areas "be left open"—to be subject to review after five years (Article 26). This represents a degree of flexibility hitherto not discerned in the Middle East. Mr Begin has frequently said that everything is negotiable.

(3) Mr Begin's offer to restore all of Sinai to Egyptian sovereignty totally contradicts Dr Lucas's bland thesis that "to the present leaders of Israel the status quo resembles their idea of peace". How much more radically could the status quo be upset?

(4) Not a word appears in the article about Israel's compelling need for security; this is not an abstract "desiderarum" but a fiercely concrete requirement, based on three decades of Arab non-recognition translated into active warfare. Such a requirement for Israel is literally a matter of life or death. Dr Lucas's thesis that President Sadat needs "only (to) make a peace to the extent that it is necessary (sic) for him to do so" shows up the basic lack of symmetry in the equation. Your contributor wants us to infer that President Sadat's initiative was really an attempt to test the degree of Israel's readiness to indulge in unilateral concessions of a tangible nature—in other words, the definition of a settlement should read an acceptance of Arab conditions.

Israel (unlike Dr Lucas) would like to believe in President Sadat's intention of negotiating a peace to the mutual benefit and security of both sides in the conflict, with reciprocal concessions.

In the search for common ground and understanding in which Egypt and Israel are presently engaged, Dr Lucas's article is completely negative and destructive. Its only effect could be to revive suspicions and prejudices damaging to the fragile beginnings of mutual trust, which both sides are endeavouring to achieve.

Yours sincerely,
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Control of V & A Museum

From Mr Peter Kent

Sir, If the director of the Victoria and Albert genuinely wishes to make the museum "a centre of contemporary British creativity in design, serving manufacturing industry and promoting exports", and if indeed this is the purpose for which the Victoria and Albert continues to be funded, why instead of demanding trustee status, is Dr Roy Strong not requesting that the museum's collection be transposed to some more suitable depository for the past and himself transferred to the British Overseas Trade Board where he can more properly direct our economic future?

Yours,
PETER KENT,
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Tonbridge, Kent.

Future of Belize

From Mrs Lena Jeger, MP for Camden, Holborn and St Pancras South

Sir, I wish to refer to a vital aspect of the Belize problem. The threat from Guatamala is made possible only because the United States is arming and training the forces of this fascist country. Belize, with less than 140,000 people, has no armed forces of her own, and it is therefore against the British troops stationed there that American arms may be used. Against whom else?

When I, together with other MPs, discussed this with American officials in Belize, we were told that the supply of arms was "a matter of business", and that training was a logical result. "If you let them have the stuff, you must teach them how to use it", was the comment of a US representative, noted by me verbatim at the time. Again I asked, against whom the Guatamalans were being taught to use these things, and the answer was a shrug and a reference to policy being decided in Washington.

President Carter's campaign for human rights loses all credibility when he supplies the weapons of aggression to a country which denies human rights to its own people and threatens the freedom of its neighbours. And is it within the understanding of Nato that one member country should supply arms to be used against another member?

Why does the USA do this? Is it because American companies are exploring, with optimism, for oil around the disputed territory? And why does the British Government dishonour itself by even discussing handing over places and people? Fascism feeds on concessions. Belize (previously British Honduras) became of interest to us in earlier generations because of its timber. Now we have stripped its forests of mahogany and perhaps don't care much about its bananas and mangoes. But we must care about its people. And tell President Carter to do the same.

Yours truly,
LENA M. JEGER,
House of Commons.

Policy on immigration

From Mr John Hunt, MP for Bromley, Ravensbourne (Conservative)

Sir, May I support and applaud both the tone and content of your excellent editorial on race (February 1)? As you rightly say, the present annual inflow of immigrants is "not negligible", and there is clearly still scope for some reduction in this total.

In the past I have sought to reassure those of my constituents who have expressed their anxieties to me about the levels of immigration that, with the very sharp cutback in the entry of new adult males, the annual figures would automatically and inevitably show a progressive decline. That expectation has to some extent been nullified by the additional right now given to engaged men and women to bring their intended marriage partners into this country. This concession has undoubtedly resulted in a significant increase in immigration—particularly from Asia—and the commitment remains an open-ended one. Your comment that "there would be no infringement of human dignity if this right were withdrawn" will be widely endorsed, providing that some discretion remains for dealing with compassionate cases.

It is also sometimes overlooked that, since January 1, 1973, new male immigrants to this country have had no automatic right to bring in their dependants to join them. They have entered this country on that understanding and could not therefore sustain any accusation of breach of faith if the entry controls were now tightened for this particular category.

These, I think, are the only two areas where meaningful reductions in immigration could be achieved by an incoming Conservative government, and the party's previous commitments fully honoured at the same time. If this were done, Parliament could hold out the firm prospect of steadily declining entry totals and public opinion would be correspondingly reassured.

Immigration control is, of course, the negative aspect of race relations. Unhappily, the voices who shout the loudest for cuts in immigration are often the most muted when it comes to positive action to eradicate the discrimination in housing and employment against those with black and brown skins who have already settled in Britain or who were born here. Among top Tories, Mr Peter Walker no often appears in lonely isolation in his warnings against the effect of bad housing and unemployment upon young blacks in our large cities.

The essential corollary to the Conservative Party's insistence on a much stricter control over further immigration must be an equally firm commitment to fight the evils of race hatred and discrimination. Let us hope that future pronouncements of party policy will place much greater emphasis upon this aspect of the race problem.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUNT,
House of Commons.
February 1.

From Dr Renuka Rajkumar

Sir, Can there be any political sense in making immigration an election issue? Those who are worried about immigrants are going to vote Conservative anyway. The complexion of the next government does not rest with the safe Conservative vote but with the handful of floating voters in the marginal constituencies among whom are many immigrants.

Couldn't Conservative leaders stretch their imaginations to include non-whites among the groups who traditionally vote Conservative and who may hold the balance of power in the marginal constituency. The obvious example that springs to mind is that of the small Asian shops and businesses. Thanks to her recent statement Mrs Thatcher has almost certainly alienated one section of the immigrant vote which the Conservatives might feasibly have courted in the marginals.

Yours sincerely,
RENUKA RAJKUMAR,
44 Hanover Road,
Kensal Rise, NW10.
February 1.

From the Bishop of Stepney

Sir, In a copy of *The Gentleman's Magazine* published in 1764 is written: "The practice of importing Negroe servants into these kingdoms, is said to be already a grievance that requires a remedy, and yet it is every day encouraged, insomuch that the number in this metropolis (London) only is supposed to be near 20,000. . . .

The total population of London in 1750, from baptisms in parish registers quoted in *London Life in the 18th Century*, by M. Dorothy George, is put at 676,250.

A not dissimilar percentage to that obtaining today.

As this black population presumably neither emigrated nor was deported, it must have contributed quite substantially to "the fundamental British characteristics which", as Mrs Thatcher has recently reminded us, "have done so much for the world".

I remain, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
† TREVOR HUDDLESTON, CR,
400 Commercial Road, E.
January 31.

From Ms Kusoom Vadgama

Sir, With friends like Camden Council, who needs enemies? As an immigrant, I deplore their policy of "positive discrimination" announced last week. The harmful implications of such a dangerous proposal will follow and once again the anti-coloured feeling amongst the white population will have to be justified and accepted.

Racial conflicts will get much worse before they get any better if such absurd means of enhancing racial equality are practised. Neither is the "provocative arrogance" (*The Times*, January 19) of some of the immigrants considered wise, nor the rescue attempt by the Home Secretary, to save us from the Tories, considered necessary. As for Camden Council's patronization, may I request they give us the dignity of earning our own promotions and ability to fill job vacancies on merit?

Yours faithfully,
KUSOOM VADGAMA,
803 Finchley Road,
Temple Fortune, NW11.
January 30.

Towards Christian unity

From the Secretary of the Methodist Conference and others

Sir, At the end of the debate on the Anglican/Methodist Unity Scheme in Church House, Westminster, on May 3, 1972, the motion in favour of the Scheme was carried but by an insufficient majority. When that vote was announced there was a small informal meeting of representatives of all the Churches. The Church leaders present said: "We believe that what has happened today affects not only the Anglicans and Methodists, but all of us, for we are in the quest for fuller unity together." It was a helpful word at a difficult time.

We believe that the Free Churches will have been watching with sympathetic concern the recent exchanges between the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England as expressed by the two Archbishops. We welcome Cardinal Hume's words to the General Synod: "It would be sad indeed if cooperation between two Churches (even yours and mine!) seemed to be in isolation from others. Our aim, if we seek to follow Christ's will, is not the reconciliation of two but the unity of all."

Through the work of the Churches' Unity Commission the Churches in England have been engaged in a multilateral search for the visible unity of all Christ's people. At the heart of that quest is the deep desire to establish a relationship of full Communion between all the Churches. The Roman Catholic Church has indicated in its response to the Commission's Ten Propositions the reasons why at present this is for them impossible—reasons reiterated by the Cardinal in his address to the Anglican Synod in response to Dr Coggan's plea for intercommunion now between Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

The Church of England will be responding to The Ten Propositions later. We believe it would greatly assist the movement into unity if that response echoed in relation to the Free Churches the judgments about intercommunion so courageously expressed by Dr Coggan in addressing the Roman Catholics.

Yours sincerely,
KENNETH G. GREET,
Secretary of the Methodist Conference,
ARTHUR MACARTHUR,
General Secretary and Clerk of General Assembly, The United Reformed Church in England and Wales,
D. S. RUSSELL,
General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland,
1 Central Buildings,
Westminster, SW1.

From Colonel R. J. A. Hornby

Sir, Clifford Longley's article (January 30) pinpoints the main obstacle to an eventual union of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches: that need for submission "the time when our separated brethren should return to the Mother Church", a phrase used even by Pope John when greeting Archbishop Fisher in Rome after a silence of four hundred years between Canterbury and Rome.

Most theologians today would surely agree that the doctrinal differences between the two Churches can be whittled down to Papal Infallibility, Mariological dogma and Transubstantiation and what are we stuck on now but Papal Infallibility with its implication of submission and a "return"?

The present Archbishop of Westminster most surely reflects that magnetism which your perceptive Correspondent has noted, attracts so many people of all faiths and even none to the Roman Catholic Church, but ecclesiastical Westminster can no more dictate to Rome than political Westminster can today dictate to half the world; that is the rub.

No matter how close relationships may develop between Canterbury and Westminster or even the Church of England and the Church of Rome in England, the debate can only be carried on between Canterbury, as Metropolitan of the Anglican Communion world wide, and Rome, where, within the Vatican, truly resides that Papal authority to which some five hundred million "Catholics" throughout the world still submit.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HORNBY,
Horley House,
Horley,
near Banbury,
Oxfordshire.
January 31.

From Father Paul Spellman

Sir, I seldom meet Anglican divines and especially those who dispute the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth. However, I do live and work with fellow Christians of the Anglican tradition, who accept this Jesus as their Lord and Christ, who strive to put his Gospel into practice in their daily lives, and who meet early in the morning to celebrate his death and resurrection until he comes. With these I am in communion.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL SPELLMAN,
Southampton Catholic Chaplaincy,
156 Broadlands Road,
Southampton.

From the Reverend R. F. R. Gardner

Sir, Does the one who gives a feast normally allow the caterers to decide who may come?

Is it the Roman Supper, the Anglican Supper, or the Lord's Supper?

Yours sincerely,
R. F. R. GARDNER,
20 Thornhill Terrace,
Sunderland.

'The Pencourt File'

From Sir Charles Curran

Sir, May I offer a brief comment on the statement by Sir Harold Wilson, published in *The Times* today (February 2) about the contents of *The Pencourt File*, now being serialized in the *Daily Mirror*? Broadly, I can substantiate Sir Harold's account, with one major reservation, and some minor corrections of detail.

The major reservation is on the question of who took the initiative in the inquiries pursued by Messrs Penrose and Courtiour. They say that Sir Harold took the initiative in calling for them. I accept that he did not. Sir Harold believes that I took the initiative in introducing them to him. I did not. Penrose and Courtiour were freelance journalists who offered to BBC Television News, early in May 1976, material appearing to support Sir Harold Wilson's earlier allegation that South African interests had been active in a plan to discredit some British politicians. They said that, having shown the material to Sir Harold, and having asked him to help them, he had been impressed by what they had discovered, and had asked for an assurance that they were working with proper authority for the BBC. Sir Harold said that in view of the importance of the subject matter of their inquiries, he wanted to have that assurance from me, as Director-General. My senior editors reported these facts to me, and after some initial hesitation, because I had no knowledge of work of this sensitive political nature being previously done by Penrose or Courtiour, I agreed to see Sir Harold. Both Sir Harold and I agreed that the subject matter of the inquiry was the alleged South African involvement. Equally, we both recognized that he must not be put in the position of breaking his Privy Council obligations.

The initiative, therefore, came from Penrose and Courtiour, and both Sir Harold and I were dependent on them for the accounts of what each of us was saying to them. That, I think, accounts for the difference in our recollections of how our meeting came to be arranged.

On a minor point, the reporting of the Cheeseman affair followed, and did not precede, this meeting between Sir Harold and myself. And on the matter of the BBC's contractual discussions with Penrose or Courtiour, there was no suggestion that the BBC would wish to publish a book. I wanted the contract to give us adequate control over their editorial activities and the expenditure associated with them.

I am relying, in writing this letter, on the very full version of Sir Harold's comments which you published, and not on versions published elsewhere, which seemed to me not to reflect the views which I should expect Sir Harold to express about the episode.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CURRAN,
former Director-General,
of the BBC,
Broadcasting House, W1.
February 2.

From Mr Alan T. Wilson

Sir, "Sir Harold Wilson denies allegations in *Pencourt File*."

We write on the instructions of our client, the Right Honourable Lord Wigg, PC, in regard to the article headed as above in today's issue of *The Times*, and in particular to the reference to himself on page 5 in columns 2 and 3.

Our client strongly denies that any such conversation about bugging and whispering in the middle of Downing Street ever took place between himself and Lady Falkender.

Lord Wigg made it clear in his autobiography *George Wigg* (1972) at page 316 that it was his inveterate practice to refuse to discuss confidential or delicate matters (such as security) with the Prime Minister in the presence of Mrs Williams (as she then was).

Lord Wigg does not wish to add or detract in any way to or from what he has already said in his book.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN WILSON,
Alan Wilson & Co,
199 Piccadilly, W1.
February 2.

Reforming the Lords

From Lord Platt

Sir, I have no wish at this stage to enter into arguments on the reform or the abolition of the House of Lords, but I must point out the absurdity of certain points of view put forward by Mr Eric Heffer, MP (*The Times*, January 30).

He seems to regard democracy as a kind of religion. If something is democratic it is *ipso facto* right. It is clear from his article that anything elected by a majority is democratic, and therefore sacrosanct. Where do minorities stand in this religion? Would he have MPs on BBC 3, for instance, chosen by a majority vote? Rubbish, Mr Heffer, democracy is a safeguard against worse forms of government no more.

He criticizes the House of Lords for being undemocratic. I do not argue that he is wrong in this. I says the Labour Party is in favour of its abolition, but was not this conclusion reached by a purely bogus vote of 6,248,000 to 91,0 (*The Times*, October 6, 1977)? T six million could not have been the meeting or even consulte They seemed to exist only on so kind of card carried by Mr Ja Jones.

This surely is the "negation democracy", a term used by Jones to describe the House Lords.

Nevertheless I agree with Heffer that if we are to reform House of Lords we must be v careful not to replace it by so thing worse.

Yours faithfully,
PLATT,
House of Lords.
January 31.

ackage holiday

rom The Reverend I. J. M. Haire

r, Yesterday (Monday, January 23, 978) I received, in this Northern oloccan island in Eastern Indonsia, a parcel posted in Belfast on aturday, June 8, 1974. It took actly three years, seven months nd 15 days on its journey. I wonder this is a record, at least for the st moving seventies?

ours faithfully,
AMES HAIRE,
lissionary to Halmahera,
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Green pound devaluation

rom Professor Tim Josling and thers

ir, When we joined the European conomic Community, farm product prices in the original member tates were considerably higher han in Britain. Over a five year eriod, which ended on December 1, 1977, British farm product prices were to be aligned to EEC levels. In the meantime, exchange rates in Europe have changed dramatically, making it difficult to compare the way prices have developed with the way they were expected to at the time of entry. But one notion has been implicit in much of the recent controversy surrounding the "green pound"; that British agriculture has been denied the price advantage that would otherwise have been conferred by the depreciation of sterling. This appears to be no longer the case.

With the current proposal for a devaluation of 7.5 per cent, the green pound will have fallen by a total of 27.15 per cent from the rate fixed for it when we joined the Community. The trade weighted depreciation of sterling from February 15, 1973, to date, based on calculations by the Morgan Guaranty Trust, has been 26.51 per cent. Thus, despite the lag in adjusting green rates, it can no longer be said that the green pound mechanism shields consumers at the expense of domestic agriculture from the weakness of the pound.

It also follows that the present "gap" between the value of the green pound and what is misleadingly referred to as the "market" rate for the agricultural unit of account in terms of sterling is due to the unrepresentative nature of that unit of account itself. This has arisen as a result of its *de facto* alignment with the German Mark. Indeed, over the same period, the Mark has appreciated by 33.42 per cent whereas the "green mark" has only been revalued by 7.25 per cent.

The recent debate in the House of Commons over the green pound change revolved around the need to keep British agriculture healthy in the face of subsidized food from abroad. The more fundamental problem is to prevent all European farm prices from rising inexorably by tying them to the coat tails of the strongest currency. This inflationary tendency is perhaps the most significant development in EEC farm price policy in the years since we joined the Community, and deserves more attention than it has so far received.

Yours faithfully,
I.M. JOSLING,
CHRISTOPHER RITSON,
ALAN SWINBANK,
Department of Agricultural Economics and Management,
University of Reading,
4 Earley Gate,
Whiteknights Road,
Reading.

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 2: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, this morning attended a Meeting of the Executive Committee at Commonwealth Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road.
The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Sir Gilbert Roberts, formerly Partner of Freeman Fox & Partners, will be held at the Church of St Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London, EC1 at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

A memorial service for Thomas Geoffrey Seager Berry will be held at St Michael's Church, Cornhill, EC3, at noon on Friday, February 24.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Richard P. Carr will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at noon in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1.

Birthdays today

Lord Cole, 72; Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, 67; Lord Gore-Booth, 69; Sir Edgar Keatinge, 73; Sir Hugh Linstead, 77; Brigadier the Hon Dame Mary Pihl, 62; Lord Redcliffe-Maud, 72; Professor Sir Alexander Robertson, 70; Lord Sherfield, 74; Professor Gilbert Stead, 90.

Latest wills

Mrs Winifred Alice Lambert, of Poole, left £108,801 net. After personal bequests of £16,550, her home and personal belongings, she left the residue equally among the RNLI, PDSA, Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, and British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association.
Mrs Nellie Constance Gates, of Sudbury, Suffolk, left £62,983 net. After personal bequests of £20,400 and property and belongings, she left the residue equally among the National Anti-Vivisection Society, the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Vivisection and the RSPCA.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed)
Barron, Mrs Marguerite Evelyn, of West Lavington .. £118,776
Bone, Mr John Stanley, of Harrogate £121,291
Darling, Mrs Peggy, of Hampstead Norris £158,554
Stephens, Mrs Mary, of Aberystwyth, former Professor of French at Swansea and Durham Universities £108,505

Henlow graduation

Air Vice-Marshal P. M. S. Hedgeland, Ministry of Defence, was reviewing officer when 27 officers of 320 Course, Blue Squadron, graduated from the RAF Officer Cadet Training Unit, Henlow, yesterday.
The Sash of Merit was presented to Pilot Officer Barbara Paxton, aged 19, of the general duties (ground) branch aircraft control; and Pilot Officer Jane Wood, aged 19, of the administrative/secretarial branch.
The British Aircraft Corporation Trophy for the best all-round performance was awarded to Flying Officer Colin Bagley, aged 38, of the engineer branch. The Professional Studies Prize was presented to Flying Officer Edna Tearle, aged 24, of the administrative /education branch. The Overseas Student's Prize was presented to Pilot Officer K. O. Stonwa of the Nigerian Air Force. Those graduating were:
GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH: Flying Officers D. A. Brown (P), Lewis S, Pongam, and J. Harker (P), Easington Sec Mod S: Pilot Officers C. C. M. Lockman (P), Kingsway C, Dunstable, P. A. McCambridge (P), St Joseph's S, Kilmarnock, S. M. Phelps, B Tech (P), Cowbridge GS and Bradford Univ, P. A. Thirkell (P), Newquay S and Plymouth Poly.
GENERAL DUTIES (GROUND) BRANCH: Pilot Officers B. M. Chesney (WRAF) (AcC), R. P. Fryer (AcC), Ellesmere Park HS, D. R. Hack (AcC), Whitgift S, B. Paxton (WRAF) (AcC), Evesham HS, N. M. Turner, BA (FC), Dudley GS and Wolverhampton Poly, H. C. A. Walker (AcC), Ellers HS, Doncaster; Flying Officer J. Homer (WRAF) (AcC), Middlesbrough HS.
ENGINEERING BRANCH: Flying Officers C. Bagley, Rowley Regis Sec Mod S, M. R. Papa, Manor Court Sec Mod S, Portsmouth, D. M. Rail, West Tarring Sec Mod S, and Farnborough Tech C.
SUPPLY BRANCH: Pilot Officers D. J. Clark, Bellevue S, Bradford, and M. C. Coulborn, St Joseph's C, Ipswich.
ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH: Pilot Officers S. M. Colthorpe BA (WRAF) (Sec), Ranelagh S, Bracknell, and Exeter Univ, and J. M. Wood (WRAF) (Sec), Lilley and Stone S, Newark; Flying Officers D. A. Lea BA (WRAF) (Ed), Heart of England HS, Warwickshire, and Sussex Univ, and E. F. Tearle BEd (WRAF) (Ed), Wimbledon ... S and Bristol Univ.
SECURITY BRANCH: Pilot Officers ... P. Brzezicki (Prov), Queen's S, Rheindahlen, and S. C. Wilkinson, RAF (ret), King's S, Bruton; Flying Officer ... J. Medcraft (Prov), City of Norwich S.
Nigerian Air Force
Pilot Officers M. B. Abel and K. O. Stonwa, both of Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. R. K. Thomas and Miss J. Wollerton
The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of General Sir Noel and Lady Thomas, of Chandler's House, Old Bosham, Sussex, and Jill, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs G. Wollerton, of Ketton, near Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Mr D. P. Abt and Miss I. A. Lyras
The engagement is announced between Dieter-Philippe, younger son of Dr and Mrs Kurt Abt-Tschudy, of Basle, Switzerland, and Irene Angela, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Marcos J. Lyras, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr D. M. Edwards and Miss S. F. Cormack
The engagement is announced between David Melville, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs A. B. Edwards, of Moseley, Birmingham, and Susan, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs John Cormack, of Brompton, Gillingham, Kent.

Mr J. B. Havenhand and Miss J. V. Ewins
The engagement is announced between Barry, elder son of Mr and Mr Jack Havenhand, of Worcester, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ewins, of Kew Gardens, Surrey.

Mr H. A. Rickett and Miss M. Bostock
The engagement is announced between Tim Rickett and Morna Bostock, younger daughter of the late Mr E. G. Bostock and Mrs J. M. C. Bostock, of Haverbrack, Challock, Ashford, Kent.

Mr C. L. J. Wood and Miss P. M. M. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Christopher Lionel John Wood, BSc, ARICS, first son of Mr and Mrs Sidney John Wood, of Garrick Lodge, Litlington, Polegate, East Sussex, and Pamela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Arthur Wilson, of Brown Gables, Forest Edge Road, Crow Hill, Ringwood, Hampshire. Both parties are at present residing in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Mr G. Stevenson and Miss T. Upton
The engagement is announced between Gavin, only son of Mr and Mrs J. M. Stevenson, of Hatch End, and Tracey, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. H. Upton, of Norbury.

Mr T. M. Trollope-Bellew and Miss M. Vargich
The engagement is announced between Thomas Martin, younger son of Major and Mrs T. F. Trollope-Bellew, The Cottage, Crowcombe, Taunton, Somerset, and Mitica, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Vargich, of Nash, Poplar Crescent, Bourne, Lincolnshire.

Mr M. L. White and Miss M. S. Foye
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr Thomas White, of Birmingham, and Mrs Patricia Ferguson, of Bangor, co Down, and Suzanne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Foye, also of Bangor.

Marriages

Mr D. H. Gordon and Miss S. J. White
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was present at the marriage, which took place at St James's, Piccadilly, yesterday, between Mr Douglas Herriot Gordon, younger son of Lord and Lady Adam Gordon, of Hethersett, Littleworth Cross, Seale, Surrey, and Miss Susan Jennifer White, daughter of Mr Anthony White, of 46 Aubrey Walk, Kensington, and Mrs John Westwood, of Torr House, Auchencairn, Kirkcudbrightshire. The Rev William Baddeley officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Isley Clegg, Georgina Gordon, Miss Alison Westwood and Miss Gail Thomson. Mr Adam Gordon was best man.
A reception was held at St James's Palace. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr T. M. Fitzgerald and Miss O. C. M. Norman
The marriage took place in Nercwys, North Wales, on January 28, 1978, between Mr Timothy Fitzgerald and Miss Olivia Norman. Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald will be leaving for New Zealand on February 19.

Dinners

Foreign Affairs Club
Ambassador Alonzo McDonald, Head of the American Delegation to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations in Geneva, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Foreign Affairs Club held last night. Mr Hugh Corbet, Director of the Trade Policy Research Centre, presided. Other guests included:
The High Commissioner for Mauritius and Lady Teelock, the High Commissioner for Singapore, Lord Gordon-Walker, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Seebohm, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, Mr Terence Higgins, MP, Mr Sidney Abramson, Mr D. M. D. Thomas, Mr and Mrs Sidney Golt, Mr Jean Parotte, Mr and Mrs Genzo Suzuki, Mr Anthony Harris, Professor Stuart Harris, Professor Asher Winegarten, Mr John W. Holmes, Mr Jean-Loup Dherse and Mr Olof Skoglund.

Royal Automobile Club
Prince Michael of Kent was present yesterday evening when Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, President of the Royal Automobile Club, presented the RAC Diamond Jubilee Trophy to Mr Keith Duckworth, of the Cosworth Engineering Company, at the RAC. Those present included:
Mr Walter Hayes, Ford Motor Company, Mr Colin Chapman, Lotus Cars, and Sir Clive Bossom, Chairman of the RAC and the British Motor Sports Council.

Old Uppinghamians
The Old Uppinghamians held their annual London dinner at the Law Society's Hall yesterday. Mr R. H. Malthouse was in the chair and Mr Coll MacDonald, Headmaster of Uppingham School, replied to the toast of the school.

Luncheon

HM Government
Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was host at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of the retiring Indonesian Ambassador and Mme Subono. Among those present were:
The Malaysian High Commissioner and Datin Badariah Abdullah, the Philippine Ambassador and Mme de Sullanopoulos, the High Commissioner for Singapore and Mrs Jek, the Ambassador of Thailand and Monluang Rtran Ylta Wannamethee, Mr and Mrs Kris Nonmarissa, Dr A. Glyn, MP, Mr Alec Woodall, MP, and Mrs Woodall, Mr and Mrs Dennis Rodney, Mr J. Warburton, Mr H. A. H. Cortazzi, Mr and Mrs D. F. Murray, Mr J. L. Jones and Mr A. M. Simons.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Brigadier W. R. Taylor to be Commander British Forces Cyprus and Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas in Cyprus, in the rank of major-general, in April.
Rear-Admiral A. J. Cooke to be Admiral President, Royal Naval College, Greenwich, in July.



Mr Callaghan reading a lesson at the memorial service for Senator Hubert Humphrey in London yesterday.

Tribute paid to Senator Humphrey

Mr Callaghan and two former Prime Ministers were among those who attended a memorial service at the American Church in London yesterday for Senator Hubert Humphrey. The service, at which Mr Callaghan read one of the lessons, and the American Ambassador the other, was also attended by former colleagues of the Senator from America and Democratic Party representatives in Britain.
Mr Anthony Hyde, chairman of the Democratic Party Committee Abroad, who gave an address, spoke of Senator Humphrey's irrepressible spirit.
He said the senator and former Vice-President, who died on January 13, at the age of 66, was the embodiment of the American spirit of "can-do". He said: "His career is pure Americana. He was one of the most useful, compassionate, effective and successful men in public life in our time. Although he did not quite make the American dream come true for himself, he did for many others."
Sir Harold and Lady Wilson, Mr Edward Heath, and Mrs Thatcher attended, as did most of the Cabinet.
The Rev Dr George A. Pera officiated. Mr Philip Kaiser, American Ambassador to Hungary, read the prayer. Among those who attended was the Lord Privy Seal. Others present included:
Mrs James Callaghan, Mr Kingman Brewster, Jr, Mrs Philip Kaiser, Mrs Anthony Hyde; Lord Kissin, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs; Mr Denis Healey, MP, Mrs Shirley Williams, MP, Mr David Ennals, MP, and Mrs Ennals, Mr Edmund Dell, MP, Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, Mr William Rodgers, MP, Mr Stanley Orme, MP, Mr Harold Lever, MP, Mr Cledwyn Hughes, MP (chairman, Parliamentary Labour Party, also representing University College of Wales, Aberystwyth), Mr John Gilbert, MP, Lady de Freitas, Sir Eugene Melville (chairman, Reform Club), Mr Emlyn Hooson, QC, MP (representing the Leader of the Liberal Party and the University of Wales), Mr John Loiello (acting secretary, Democratic Party Committee Abroad) and Mrs Loiello, Mrs David Rosenthal and Mr Robert Worcester (vice-chairmen, Democrats Abroad UK) with Mr and Mrs Michael McNulty, Mr and Mrs Peter Trueblood, Mrs Elwood Rickless, Mr Elliot Kulick, Mrs Jules Buck, Dr Helen McNeil, Mr Nathan Silver, Mr and Mrs Charles Baggcio and Mr Thomas Conlon, Mr and Mrs Edward J. Streator, Mr and Mrs William K. Miller, Mr and Mrs Burnett Anderson, Mr Ramsey McIntish, the Agent General for Nova Scotia and Mrs Piers, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Eric Moonman, MP, Mr John Moore, MP, Mr Richard Reeman (chairman, Republican Committee in Europe) and Mrs Reeman and Mr Gustave C. Aberle (vice-chairman, Republican Committee in Europe (UK)).

Record set by an American lion

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent
A new auction record was set in New York on Wednesday for a piece of American folk pottery when a glazed figure of a lion by John Bell of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, made $18,000 (estimate $12,000 to $15,000) or £9,230, going to Esmerian.
The lion is 7½ inches high and 8½ inches long; the body is covered with a yellow glaze, the mane, tail and whiskers are in brown glaze. Of the four recorded Bell lions, dating from the mid-nineteenth century, each was made for a relative of the potter. The other three are in museums.
The sale of fine Americana also included a slip-decorated plate signed Conrad K. Raininger of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania dated June 1838. It was sold for $8,250 (estimate $6,000 to $8,000) or £4,230. It is stencilled with a horse, a heart and a double eagle. The other high price of the sale was $8,500 (estimate $6,000 to $8,000) or £4,358 for an early-eighteenth-century New England carved and painted pine spoon-rack. The sale totalled £138,064, with 17 lots unsold.
The second session of Sotheby's three-day sale of travel books and topography at Chancery Lane yesterday made £15,614, with three lots, or 1 per cent, unsold. The sale was short of 25 lots, removed by thieves during the weekend, including some more expensive works relating to Switzerland, Germany and the Middle East. The top price of the sale was £540 (estimate £50 to £75) paid by Lassels for a small quarto volume by F. Meyer, *Costumes Suisses en mignature* with 23 plates, published in Zurich in 1837.
A silver sale at Sotheby's in Bond Street made £38,340, with 9 per cent or 21 lots unsold.
A sale of selected oil paintings at Bonham's made £68,845, with 11 per cent unsold. An entertaining painting by Recha de Vega of a race meeting busy with figures, picnicking, placing bets or crowding *a distant stand*, made £4,200 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500), going to A. and F. Gordon. A painting of "Little Red Riding Hood", by James Sant, exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1860, is thought to have made a top price for the artist at £2,000 (estimate £800 to £1,200), selling to Cooling.
A Bonham's furniture sale made £29,629, with 6 per cent unsold. It included a Victorian walnut bureau cabinet at £1,000 (estimate £500 to £600), going to Lipitch.
Christie's sale of oak furniture and carpets made £60,006, with 5 per cent unsold. The unsold percentage in the carpet and furniture sections was about the same. There was a top price of £1,600 (estimate £700 to £800) for a late-seventeenth-century oak low dresser.

Church news

Church in Wales
Diocese of Swansea and Brecon
Canon W. Cynwyd Williams, Vicar of Penderyn and Rural Dean of Swansea, to be Rural Dean of Llwchwr.
The Rev D. E. Lewis, Vicar of Swansea St Mary's, to be Rural Dean of Swansea (Swansea Central).
The Rev D. T. Davies, Vicar of Treboeth, to be Rural Dean of Penderi (Swansea North).
The Rev Chancellor Garfield James, Vicar of Sketty, to be Rural Dean of Clyne (Swansea West).

Episcopal Church in Scotland
Appointments:
The Rev W. F. Ward, chaplain, Royal Navy, to be Rector of St Mary's, Arbroath, diocese of Brechin, from September.

OBITUARY

LASZLÓ NAGY
Prominent Hungarian poet

László Nagy who died on January 30, at the age of 52, was one of the most prominent Hungarian poets. Born in to a family of smallholders at Felsöiszkáz on July 17, 1925 Nagy went to school at Pápa and later studied art and literature at Budapest.
His debut as a poet coincided with the reawakening of literary life in post-war Hungary; his early, optimistic verse with its enthusiastic approval of the new social order was praised for its simplicity and verve. Between 1949 and 1952 he made several study trips to Bulgaria and Bulgarian folk-poetry left an imprint on his firmly-controlled poetic language rich in sensuous imagery and brilliant metaphors. Some of his work resembles the early Lorca and Dylan Thomas both of whom he translated into Hungarian.
In the mid-1950s his earlier enthusiasm gave way to disillusionment expressed in sombre and dramatic visions; some of his poems written after the suppression of the 1956 Hungarian uprising remain particularly memorable. Althou[gh] his first book of poetry was pu[b]lished in 1949, his best wo[rk] is in the collections *Bride of t[he] Sun* (*A nap jegyese*, 195[?]) *Fair in Frosty May* (*De[res] majális*, 1957); *Hymn for A[ll] time* (*Himnusz minden idöb[en]* 1965); and *Hiding in Poe[ms]* (*Versben bujdosó*, 1973). [He] was awarded with the Att[ila] József Literary Prize seve[ral] times and the Kossuth Prize [in] 1966.
In his most accomplish[ed] poems Nagy managed to achie[ve] the "Bartókian synthesis", [a] fusion of Hungarian and Easte[rn] European folk tradition wi[th] modern art; while his poe[try] was firmly rooted in the Hu[n]garian language, his messa[ge] informed with a deep conce[rn] for the fate of modern man u[p]rooted from his community, [was] universal.
He was married to the poete[ss] Margit Szécsi. Nagy's poe[ms] were translated into English [by] Tony Connor and Kenne[th] McRobbie, whose selection [of] which *Love of the Scorchin[g] Wind* was published in 1973.

DR W. G. MOORE

Dr W. G. Moore, who was a Fellow of St John's College, Oxford, died on January 27 at the age of 72. Born on July 24, 1905, he was educated at Silcoates School, of which his father was headmaster, and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he held a Modern Languages Exhibition. He won Heath Harrison Scholarships in French and German and took a first class in French in 1926 and a second class in German in 1927. He was Zaharoff Scholar in 1927.
From Oxford he went to Strasbourg where he was English lector and received a doctorate in 1930 for a thesis on the influence of Luther on French Literature. He was a lecturer in Manchester University from 1929 to 1931 when he returned to Oxford as University Lecturer in French. He was appointed lecturer at St John's College in 1933, fellow in 1934, and tutor in 1938. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the Foreign Office Research Department. On his return to Oxford he represented the University on the Extra-Mural Delegacy and the Education Committee of the Oxfordshire County Council.
His publications included his Strasbourg thesis *La Réforme Allemande et la litterature Française* (1939); *Molière, a new Criticism* (1949); *Introduction to Britannicus* (1960); *French Classical Literature* (1961); and *La Rochfoucauld* (1969).
He was greatly interested in educational problems. In discussions he would often seem detached or hesitant and then suddenly illuminate the issue with a pointed and original intervention. When his own special affairs were involved, he always consulted first his conscience, second his reason, and never his own interes[t].
His attitude to his subject w[as] one which combined hi[gh] standards with wide rang[e]. While he demanded linguist[ic] accuracy and attention to styl[e] he never submerged literatu[re] in language or content in for[m].
He stood out among h[is] fellow teachers in mode[rn] languages for his insistence o[n] the history of ideas, and h[is] pupils were always made awa[re] of the relevance of the soci[al] criticism in Proust or th[e] political influence of Roussea[u].
This refusal to separa[te] literature from life was linke[d] with his own powerful religio[us] convictions. He was a leadin[g] figure in Oxford non-conformi[st] circles and shared all thei[r] traditional liberal regard fo[r] freedom and individuality. Thi[s] came out too in his dealing[s] with undergraduates. His sta[n]dards were high and his judg[e]ment sometimes severe, yet h[e] would discern white spots i[n] the blackest of sheep. He aime[d] at teaching the nature o[f] genuine scholarship and a res[pect] for good argument an[d] relevant criticism, rather tha[n] facts or answers to questions o[r] ammunition for examinations.
His interest in individual[s] went far beyond his own pupils. He and his wife kept ope[n] house for scholars (an[d] especially refugees) fro[m] abroad, and for many member[s] of his College, past and presen[t] who enjoyed his interest i[n] them, in their world, and in th[e] wider world beyond, his occa[sional] sional sharp tongue, and th[e] happy air of his family circle.
He married, in 1930, Eliza[beth] Ursula Joy Holme[s], daughter of H. R. J. Holme[s] of Pangbourne and had tw[o] sons and a daughter.
He was a keen cricketer an[d] a follower of Rugby football, interests which enhanced hi[s] pride in his sons' achievement[s] in these fields.

MR P. Q. REISS

W.D.M. writes:
The announcement of the death of Peter Reiss will come as sad news to his numerous friends in the aviation and sporting worlds, and at Lloyd's where he worked for most of his life as an aviation underwriter.
Peter, often called "PQ" by his friends, was a remarkable character in that he achieved eminence in three different walks of life. He flew in the First World War and for 60 years after that he had piloted aircraft privately and without mishap.
He was one of the crew that won the Oasis Trophy with the newly designed De Havilland Dragon in 1933; he took part in the Europa Rundflag of 1934; but he was best known perhaps as a frequent visitor to Sir Lindsay Everard's private aerodrome at Ratcliffe in Leicestershire where in the 1930s he frequently acted as private pilot of Sir Lindsay's aircraft on numerous trips to Europe, Africa and even to Russia.
He assisted the ATA during the Second World War and then became the owner of a De Havilland Hornet Moth which was to be seen at many airfields and air meetings both at home and abroad. This Hornet Moth was specially equipped and maintained and will retire, I understand, to the Shuttleworth Museum at Old Warden.
Apart from his own flying activities PQ was one of the first aviation underwriters at Lloyd's where his great experience of flying and the aviation world must have been invaluable.
During the 1920s and early 1930s he was among the four best squash racket players in England. He played No 1 for the RAF Club in the Bath Club Cup and was never defeated in his home court. He was also throughout his life a very good golf player with a handicap of one.
He was a very unselfish person and spent much time helping his friends. These included Amy Johnson, whom he assisted over her record flights, and Amr Bey in his early days in the squash court. And he possessed great courage.
He will indeed be missed by his many friends, more particularly by those in the flying and sporting worlds and at Lloyd's.

RAYMOND BERNARD

The death has occurred in Paris of Raymond Bernard, the film director, aged 86.
The son of a famous playwright-father, Raymond Bernard began a long and distinguished career by basking in the glory of Tristan Bernard's early comedies, first as actor—he made his debut in *Jeanne Doré* at the side of Sarah Bernhardt—and then by translating them to the silent screen, as with *Le Petit Café*, with Max Linder (1917). *The Chess Player* (1926) with Charles Dullin was an accepted masterpiece, as were the three parts of *Les Misérables* (1933), his first outstanding talkie.
Hardly a year passed without the release of one or more of his films, whether romantic comedies or dramatic thrillers, with some of France's leading stars, Eric Von Stroheim, Pierre Blanchard, Edwige Feuillère, Michel Simon and Luis Mariano among them.
Silenced as a Jew during the Occupation, he took his revenge in 1946 with *A Friend is Coming Tonight*, an allegory of the Resistance. *Maya* (1949), with Viviane Romance, based on Simon Gantillon's play; *The Lady of the Camellias* (1952) with Micheline Presle; and *Seventh Heaven* (1958) with Danielle Darrieux were also among his contributions to the story of French cinematic art.

MR MARSHALL SISSON

Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas writes:
It was my privilege to work closely with Marshall Sisson in many works on historic buildings, but in none more satisfyingly than in the reconstruction after war damage of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe and St John's, Smith Square. In those cases he showed himself not unworthy to wear the mantle of Wren and Archer respectively. If I were asked to name the dominating characteristic of his work it would be "integrity", which some interpreted as inflexibility or even obstinacy—and he had some clients quite as difficult as Wren or Archer had.
If I were allowed a second characteristic it would be "restraint". His St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe is very much *English* Renaissance, just as his St John's, Smith Square, is unquestionably *English* baroque. In architecture he was an austere man, even puritanical, but in his private life he was a most lovable character, and in h's care for a crippled wife his devotion knew no bounds.
He died happy in the knowledge that his work will be carried on by the younger colleague, Mr Peter Foster, with whom he had worked so harmoniously for many years.

Lady Denholm, wife of Sir John Denholm CBE, died on January 24. She was Mary Laura, daughter of Peter Kerr, and she was married in 1926.

Mr Geoffrey Tarran, drama critic of the *Morning Advertiser* for some 45 years until his retirement in July, 1970, has died.

Memorial services

Lord Henley
The Lord Chancellor was present at a memorial service for Lord Henley held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday. Canon David Edwards officiated, assisted by the Dean of Chichester. Lord Byers read the lesson. The Leader of the Liberal Party attended. Others present included:
Lord Henley, the Hon Andrew Eden, the Hon John and Mrs Jolliffe, the Hon Ursula Eden, the Hon Ingaret Eden, Nancy, Lady Henley, Mrs Marit Aschan, the Hon Roger and Mrs Eden, Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Calvocoressi, the Hon Mrs Griselda Buckman, the Hon Mrs Edmund Wynne, Mr Paul Calvocoressi, Miss Carol Eden, Miss Jane Eden, Mr and Mrs Christopher Buckman.
Earl Amherst, the Earl of Listowel, Esmé Countess of Carlisle, Viscount Morpeth, Viscount Davidson, Lord Beaumont of Whitley, Baroness Ruthven of Freeland, Baroness Somerskill, Lord McNair, Lord Mackie of Benshie, Lord Wade, Lady Strathcarron, Lord De Ramsey, Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, Lord Amulree, Lord Strabolgi, Lady Wigoder, Lord Clifford of Chudleigh, Lord Gladwyn, Lord Hampton, Lord Chitnis, Lord Banks, Baroness Seear, Lord and Lady Foot, Lord Hunt of Fawley, Lord Middleton (Country Landowners Association) with Mr J. M. Douglas, Lord Abinger, Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Lord and Lady Newall, Lord Swaythling, the Dowager Lady Hylton, Lord Aberdare, Lord Rochester, Lord Rea, Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, Lord Molson (president, Council for the Protection of Rural England) and Lady Molson with Mr and Mrs Roland Wade, Mr and Mrs Christopher Hall and representatives from regional branches; Baroness White (Council for the Protection of Rural Wales), Mr William Whitelaw, MP, Lady Jane Seth-Smith, Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Jonathan Needham, the Hon Mrs Anthony Garthwaite, Lady Brandon, Sir George Labouchere, Sir Nigel Strutt, Sir Ralph Verney, Sir John Green, Sir Nigel Fisher, MP.
Mr John and Lady Sophia Schilizzi, Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, Dr and Mrs Hugh Jolly, Miss Caryl Jolly, Mr Paul Jolly, Mr Neville Ford, Mr and Mrs Dick Heppel, Mrs Michael King, Mr and Mrs Louis Kentner, Mr John Arkell, Mr and Mrs Terence Mullaly, Mr J. D. Boles, Mr S. Bowes-Lyon, Major-General D. A. Beckett, Mr Alan Beith, MP (also representing Leader of the Welsh Liberal Party), Mr and Mrs David Aschan, Miss Juliet Aschan, Mr Oliver Walton, Mr Daniel Walton, Mr and Mrs Graham C. Greene, Mr P. E. Lort-Phillips, Mr and Mrs Charles Graham, Mr Paul Hobhouse, Mr Christopher Dilke, Mr R. W. Percecal, Mr J. Parfitt (representing Youth Hostels Association, England and Wales) with Mrs G. McGuire (representing the deputy national secretary), Miss H. Hobhouse (Victorian Society), Mrs David Lewis (Georgian Group), Mr Tom Dale (Liberal International), Mr John Yeoman (National Tree Week), Mr John Ince (land agency and agricultural division, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors), Mr George Cubitt (Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland), Mrs M. Dance (secretary, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), Mr T. H. Sinclair (British Mountaineering Council), Lieutenant-Colonel D. Meakin (Life Guards Association), Mr David Fryer (secretary general, Royal Town Planning Institute), Mr Leonard Smith (chairman, National Liberal Club), Mr Robin Grove-White, Mrs Winston Williams, Mrs E. Scott-Moncrieff, Princess Imeretinsky, Mr R. de la Mare, Mr Robert Powell-Jones, Mr Val Le Grice, Miss Mary Ashley-Cooper, Baron and Baronne de Gerlache de Gomery, and Mr and Mrs Mervyn Osmond.

Lord Plurenden
The Lord Privy Seal was represented by Mr Charles Morris, MP, at a memorial service for Lord Plurenden held at St-Martin-in-the-Fields. The Rev Andrew Couch officiated. Mr C. A. Avery, director, Sterling Group of Companies, read the lesson, and Sir Frederick Kearns, also representing the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, gave an address. Among those present were:
Lady Plurenden (widow), the Hon Rosanne Sternberg and the Hon Francesca Sternberg (daughters), Mrs S. Hamnach (sister), Mr and Mrs F. Adler (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Stephen Adler, Mr Peter Adler and other members of the family.
The Ambassador of Czechoslovakia, M. V. Semenov (representing the Soviet Ambassador), Herr H. Nickel (representing the Ambassador of the German Democratic Republic), Frau Karl-Heinz Kern, Lord Edward FitzRoy (representing chairman, Imperial Foods), Lord and Lady Shepherd, Mr Edward Bishop (Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Mr Philip A. Lilt (chairman, Sterling Group of Companies) with co-directors and past and present members of the staff, Mr R. Talks (Lindsey and Kesteven Fertilizers), Mr T. A. Willingale (Jeppesen Heaton), Mr P. Cowan (Julius Cowan Toy Distributors), Mr Peter Graham (British Simmental Cattle Society), Mr W. Johnstone (chairman, British Agricultural Export Council) with Mr John Thornlow, Mr G. Planner (Rank Organisation), Mr John Davies (Philip Lilt and Co) and Mrs Davies, Mr D. K. Lee (Geering and Colyer), Mr R. I. Rundle (ICI), Mr A. F. Barratt and Mr R. F. Price (Barclays Bank), Mr R. I. Nash (Napex), Mr F. W. Jenkins (Taylor Woodrow Group of Companies), Dr Michael G. Peard (representing managing director, British Steel Corporation (Chemicals)), Mr Burnaby Drayson, MP, Mr Michael Thomas and Mr D. A. Phillips (M. Thomas Marketing Company), Dr W. A. Holmes Walker (British Plastics Federation), Mr B. A. Freedland (Seabright Chemicals), Mr F. Dean Swift (Agricultural Engineers' Association) and Mrs Swift, Mr Claudio Merrick (Fisons), Mr T. Norman Gaunt (director, John Waddingtons) also representing managing director (Plastona (John Waddington)), Mr M. Lester and Mr J. W. Seabright (MTT), Mr and Mrs Ron Hayward, Mr Peter Craven (Arnold Sugar Holdings), Mr Ben Cooper (Selective Friesian Services and British Friesian Cattle Society), Mr J. A. Coles (secretary, NFU South Kent branch), Mr H. A. W. Wilkins (Sutton Estates), Mr T. Jackson-Stops, Mr Peter Jones, Wing Commander C. J. Donovan, Mrs M. Leibel, Mr N. Rowntree, Mr M. Sayers, Mr Jack Peel, Mr A. Douglass and Mr Montgomery Hyde.

Auction to help complete new Anglican cathedral

From Our Own Correspondent
Liverpool
A bedspread used by Queen Victoria, an antique silver tankard presented by the Queen, and a gilt mirror that hung in the wartime headquarters of Western Approaches, are among items to be auctioned at the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, in April. The aim is to raise £50,000 towards the cost of completing Liverpool's Anglican cathedral. An estimated £100,000 is needed.
Mr Henry Bicket, chairman of the cathedral auction committee, said yesterday that although a final appeal for funds to complete the building had been made last year, many donations had been in the form of covenants, which left a deficiency of ready money this year, when money was needed for wages and materials.
A theft of copper valued at several thousand pounds last year has added to the difficulties.
Other items to be sold include a silver cup presented by The King's Regiment, a gold tie-clip from Sir John Lomax, a former Ambassador to Bolivia, several paintings (one valued at £5,000 and another at more than £1,000), various sketches and several items from Lord Derby, some of them bearing the family arms.
The gilt mirror, which belonged to Admiral Sir Percy Noble, of the battle of the Atlantic fame, has been presented by his two sons; Commodore C. P. C. Noble and Commander Sir Alan Noble.
Mr Bicket said: "We are looking for another 25 lots. They can be antiques, silver, paintings, jewelry, sculptures, china glass or, indeed, any suitable objects of art. They need not by worth hundreds; just a few pounds would

Confucius back in favour with Peking

Peking, Feb 2.—Confucius is being rehabilitated in China. The monthly publication *Historical Studies* has produced the first article in his defence since the Cultural Revolution.
Entitled "Of Confucius and the execution of Shao Cheng-mao", the article seeks to exonerate the philosopher from a crime he was accused of committing during the "anti-Confucius" campaign in 1974-75.
The campaign, called "Pi Kong" (criticized Confucius) in Chinese, brought in the disgraced Lin Piao and became "Pi Lin Piao Kong". It went on for almost two years, and was launched, according to the current official version, by the "Gang of Four" against Chou En-lai, whom it treated at the time as a "great Confucianist".
During the campaign Confucius was vilified as the typical example of a "reactionary thinker" and he was accused in particular of having had executed a certain Shao Cheng-mao, a reformer.—Agence France-Presse.

Modernization scheme for the Mermaid

By Our Estates Correspondent
The Court of Common Council of the City of London is to be recommended on Thursday to approve the grant of a long lease at a *premium of £1m*, of the Mermaid Theatre site, Blackfriars, and surrounding land for redevelopment. The lease is to be granted to Touche Remnant and Co, the investment fund managers, who have been negotiating with the corporation.
Thee scheme, for which conditional planning permission has been granted, subject to detail approval, will provide an extended and modernized 750-seat theatre for the Mermaid Trustees at an estimated cost to Touche Remnant of £1.45m, and a new office building of 40,000 sq ft for their own use.
The architects are R. Seifert and Partners. The total cost of the scheme is estimated at about £7m. It is hoped that building will start this year.

Film institute award

The 1977 British Film Institute Award for the maker of the most original and imaginative film introduced at the National Film Theatre will go to Hans-Jurgen Syberberg for his film *Hitler—A Film from Germany*. Special awards for 1977 are to go to Sohrab Shahid-Saless, the Iranian director, and John Carpenter, the American director.

SNO rehearsal hall

Trinity Church, in Claremont Street, Glasgow, which is being converted for the Scottish National Orchestra, has been named the SNO Centre and Henry Wood Rehearsal Hall, after a gift of £20,000 from the Henry Wood Memorial Trust to the orchestra's £300,000 appeal.

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: Herbert Ponting, photographer of the Antarctic, Scots in the Antarctic, Scottish National Antarctic Expedition 1902-04, Hunterian Museum, Glasgow University, 9-5; Great Western steam locomotive design, Museum of Science and Industry, Newhall Street, Birmingham, 10-5.
St Etheldreda, Ely Place, Holborn Circus: blessing of throats for St Blaise's Day, at frequent intervals throughout the day.
Talks: National Gallery, lecture theatre, Holbein in England, 1; British Library, British Museum, gallery talk: Victor Lucas, Famous Letters, 1.15.
Poets-in-person: Maureen Duffy and Hamish Henderson, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, 7.30.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly: Light Fantastic II, holography exhibition, 10-6.
Walk: Historic London pub walk, Fleet Street, meet St Paul's Station, 7.30.
Memorial services: Mr Harvey Thompson, St Bride's, Fleet Street, noon; Mr Philip Wills, St Clement Danes, Strand, noon.

University news

Cambridge
Sir Derman Christopherson, FRS, Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University, is to be Master of Magdalene College in succession to Mr Walter Hamilton, who retires in September.
Sir Derman was appointed an honorary fellow of the College in 1969.

Glasgow
J. Heaney, MA, librarian of University College, Dublin, has been appointed to the post of university librarian in succession to Mr R. Ogilvie MacKenna, who is retiring.

Aberdeen
Honorary degrees will be conferred on the following in July:
DD: J. Ellul, professor of law, Bordeaux University, professor of sociology, Institute of Political Studies, Bordeaux; J. D. Smith, minister and author.
LLD: A. J. Brown, professor of economics and pro-vice-chancellor, Leeds University; I. Cuthbertson, actor, producer and theatrical manager, rector of university; Sir Peter Kent, FRS, former chief geologist, British Petroleum; E. W. A. Pauck, director and head of international affairs section of Federation of Swedish Industries; Sir Edward Wright, former professor of mathematics and vice-chancellor of the university.
Professor N. Stern, formerly fellow and tutor in economics at St Catherine's College, Oxford, has been appointed to a professorship in the department of economics.
Other appointments
Personal readerships: Dr T. O. Hawkes, mathematics; J. A. Goode, English and comparative literary studies; S. D. Anderman, law.
Lectureships: Mrs M. B. Stewart, Economics; Mrs S. T. Richardson, statistics; Dr M. A. McCrae, biological sciences; M. D. May, computer science; P. E. Crouch, engineering; Dr Madilyn M. Fletcher, environmental sciences; Dr C. A. Jones, international studies; P. A. Boynton, Miss J. M. Cottrell, law; B. A. Clarke, organizational behaviour.

Sheffield
Lord Butler of Saffron Walden has retired as Chancellor of the university, at the age of 75.

Correction

Dr Jeremy Elston, whose appointment as Professor of Crop Science at Leeds University was reported on January 20, is lecturer in agricultural botany at Reading University, not of Nottingham University School of Agriculture.

Science report

Fertility: Impairment and the pill

[On]e of the anxieties among [wo]men taking oral contraceptives [is] their effect on subsequent fer[til]ity. Several research reports [ha]ve suggested that long-contin[ue]d use of the pill may suppress [the] normal hormonal control of [ov]ulation and so reduce a [wo]man's chance of having a baby [lat]er on. A small proportion of [wo]men who stop taking their oral [con]traceptives in order to be[co]me pregnant find there is a [del]ay of months and sometimes [a] year or more before they re[sum]e normal menstruation, and [ma]ny more do not conceive [qui]ckly.
[I]nfertility is common, however; [abo]ut a tenth of all married [cou]ples are involuntarily sterile. [Ho]w much of the infertility re[por]ted by former users of oral [con]traceptives is a consequence [of] their hormonal medication and [ho]w much is due to other causes? [In] an attempt to answer that [que]stion Professor Martin Vessey [and] his colleagues at the Depart[men]t of Social and Community Medicine at Oxford University have for the past 10 years been recording what happens to 17,000 women attending Family Planning Association clinics.
When the study began just over half the women were taking oral contraceptives, a quarter used a diaphragm and the rest were fitted with intra-uterine devices (IUD). In the course of the study about 4,400 women decided to stop using their contraceptives in order to have a baby: 2,000 had never been pregnant before and 2,400 had had previous pregnancies.
In both groups those who had used barrier contraceptives or IUDs became pregnant more quickly than women who had been taking oral contraceptives.
Twelve months after stopping their contraceptives a fifth fewer pill-takers than non pill-takers had had a baby. Reassuringly, however, the gap narrowed with time, and 42 months after the women had stopped their contraceptives 91 per cent of all those who had never before been pregnant had had a baby: the type of contraceptive used made no long-term difference. The same was true of women who had been pregnant before joining the study: 42 months after stopping contraceptives 96 per cent had had a baby.
There is, then, a temporary impairment of fertility in women who have been using oral contraceptives, but on the evidence of the Oxford study there is no permanent sterility that can be attributed to the pill.
The report includes one cautionary comment, however: all the women were aged at least 25 at the beginning of the research and few had started to use the pill before the age of 20. The findings should not, therefore, be assumed necessarily to apply to women who start using oral contraceptives in their teens.
By Our Medical Correspondent
Source: *British Medical Journal*, February 4, 1978, p 265.

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, Feb 2, 1953

Flood disaster

It was known last night that at least 164 people had lost their lives in floods that followed the bursting of sea defences over a large part of the east coast during Saturday night. The total included 38 in Lincolnshire, 48 in Norfolk, 45 in Suffolk and 33 in Essex. Many more people were still missing last night and it was feared that the number of dead would be even higher. Vast areas were inundated by the floods, which were caused by a combination of high tides and northerly gales. Nearly all the 13,000 people on Canvey Island were evacuated yesterday, and nearly 1,000 people were evacuated from King's Lynn. The trail of havoc ran yesterday from the Orkneys to Kent. Throughout Saturday night and yesterday people were being evacuated by boats, amphibious service vehicles and lorries from the areas worst affected by the inundation, and they were passed through reception centres to temporary homes in hotels, schools and private houses.
The death roll later rose to 280. More than 1,260 persons in the Netherlands lost their lives.

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Brussels aims to reduce oil refining capacity in face of British expansion

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Feb 2

A series of measures aimed reducing the severe overacity in the EEC's oil rery industry, including a on al national subsidiaries new plant construction at t until 1980, has been out- to member states by the opean Commission.

The commission's proposals, ch contain more details of is first put forward in ch last year, appear to run ctly contrary to British cy, which envisages refining to two-thirds of North Sea production in Britain. This lves expanding refinery city from the present level 136 million tons to about million tons in the early s.

The Government is at the ent supporting, often with t aid, refinery projects h more than £1,000m. ects either planned or g ahead include expansion refinery facilities at two llations at Milford Haven, refinery at Cromarty Firth the partly-built Occidental ery on Canvey Island.

The Commission's proposals aired at a meeting here week of the EEC's Energy mittee, which brings to- r officials from member s, and is used as a sounding board to test national ions to proposals before they are formally submitted to the Council of Ministers.

The committee is to look at the proposals again on February 14, and they are expected to be presented to energy ministers on March 21.

Last March the Commission estimated that 140 million tons of surplus distillation capacity existed in the Community. Although some 82 million tons of capacity have been closed down since then the Commission considers this reduction to be "still insufficient, since surplus capacity continues to depress prices".

Special action will be required to shut down the 60 million tons or so of surplus capacity still remaining, the Commission contends. One idea would be to grant Community aid, or authorize national assistance, to workers made redundant by plant closures.

Priority should be given to shutting down the oldest plants "which are completely amortized and situated in areas where there is a high concentration of refineries and in which operating conditions do not entirely meet the standards required for environmental protection".

To discourage expansion of refinery capacity, the Commission proposes "to regard until 1980 all state aid towards building or extending distillation plant—both aid which is specific to the industry, and general aid with a regional purpose—as incompatible with the Common Market".

The Commission would also refuse to grant any further assistance from the Community's regional or social funds for the building of new plant, and would also suggest to the European Investment Bank that no more loans should be granted for this purpose.

To improve profitability in the short term the Commission proposes asking oil companies each year to undertake voluntarily not to increase refinery production by more than a given percentage over the previous year. Because of low demand, the increase in 1978 should not be more than 2 per cent.

Some member states see difficulties here, however, because much EEC refinery capacity is owned by American subsidiaries which would be likely to run into trouble from American anti-trust legislation if they co-operated in a scheme of this kind.

The Commission's proposals also set out a series of possible measures, including a system of reference price, which could be introduced to control imports of oil products into the Community.

Provisionally, the Commission considers that imports this year should be held at the 1977 level.

'Economic principles slipping away towards a more aggressive kind of policy'

Gloomy US view of trade liberalization

By John Whitmore

The Tokyo Round may well be the last comprehensive, long-range multilateral effort at trade liberalization, according to Mr Alonzo McDonald, head of the United States delegation to the multilateral trade negotiations in Geneva.

At the Foreign Affairs Club in London last night, Mr McDonald said that "we should not anticipate another round of multilateral trade negotiations for a very long time, if ever".

Mr McDonald based his view on two main considerations. The first was the diminishing political will to pursue trade liberalization very much further. The second was the suitability of the mechanism of major multilateral negotiations.

Mr McDonald said that Europeans and Americans, long philosophically attached to liberal economic principles, seemed to be slipping away from the notion of enlightened economic liberalism towards a more or less aggressive kind of "me-first-ism". Had the Tokyo Round just been starting, the political problems in obtaining a mandate in the United States and other major trading nations today might well have been nearly insurmountable.

In future the people would have to stop thinking in terms of great leap forwards and turn to more manageable approaches that permitted a continuing series of smaller, selective steps at a timely rhythm.

Great reliance would have to be placed on the updated General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade mechanisms established by the codes and the consultation and dispute settlement procedures negotiated in the present round of Geneva talks.

At the same time, trade mechanism would have to introduce much greater flexibility and discipline into the system than has existed previously. Present Gatt rules were rigid, cumbersome and slow and there was considerable incentive for many countries to ignore them unless threatened by direct economic retaliation by one of the larger powers.

In addition, procedures were needed to allow adoption of moderate measures in narrowly targeted areas which, without disputing major segments of the economy, might have a cumulatively significant impact that reinforced the market system.

Mr Stern is presented with £20m petition

By Ray Maughan

Mr William Stern, whose property empire crashed almost four years ago with debts of around £170m, has been presented with a bankruptcy petition claiming £20m.

The petition, believed to be the largest ever presented by a single creditor, is from the merchant banking group, Keyser Ullman, and the hearing has been fixed for April. It will be held in private before a registrar at the London Bankruptcy Court.

After a long legal delay, the bank sued Mr Stern in the High Court last November for £1.5m in respect of his personal guarantee which was given in June, 1973, for cash due or owing by one of Mr Stern's companies, Magnum Hotel (Manchester).

The purpose of that action, Mr Derek Wilde, Keyser Ullman chairman, explained yesterday was to obtain a judgment on the claim after which the merchant bank could proceed with a petition for the whole of its outstanding advances. The sum of £1.5m is included in the £20m petition.

Having obtained an act of bankruptcy, under the condition that a debt which was due has not been repaid, the bank will now be able to see whether Mr Stern "has any assets at all. We want to be certain that there is not any money there", Mr Wilde said.

The Stern group was at one time worth £200m and folded in 1974 with a long list of secured creditors which included National Westminster, which had something like £30m at stake, the Crown Agents which were due £40m, and 30 other institutions.

A debt repayment moratorium, set to ensure an orderly disposal of Stern's extensive residential property portfolio, is in force until June this year, but certain transactions involving the sale of flats have caused disquiet among tenants who have complained to the group's liquidator, W. H. Cork Gully. The City Fraud Squad is currently investigating these complaints.

American named for top job at Jaguar Rover Triumph company

By Clifford Webb

An American, Mr William Pratt Thompson, will today be named managing director designate of British Leyland's newly created Jaguar Rover Triumph specialist car company.

Mr Michael Edwardes, the Leyland chairman, will make the announcement to 2,000 distributors and dealers gathered in the Wembley conference centre to hear his reorganization plans. Mr Thompson, who is in his mid forties, is deputy managing director of Bowthorpe Holdings, the Crawley-based electrical component manufacturers. So far as is known, he has no motor industry experience.

Mr Thompson was not available to comment last night, but associates said he had lived in this country for several years and was a marketing expert of considerable experience. He joined Bowthorpe three years ago from AMF Inc. to develop their overseas markets.

At his press conference on Wednesday, Mr Edwardes declined to name the new head of JRT. However, he said the new chief had formidable marketing experience in the United States and Japan, both areas where the company will be making renewed sales drives.

The last American to hold a senior position in British Leyland made quite an impact. He was Mr Filmer Paradise, a former Ford of Italy executive who became sales director of Austin Morris. He left the company some four years ago after a reported clash with Lord Stokes, then BL chairman.

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Mr Thompson: Formidable marketing experience in United States and Japan.

Finding the right route for travel agents

Proposals to set up a government register of travel agents which could replace the "closed shop" aspects of the Association of British Travel Agents are to be discussed at a meeting between the Department of Trade and the association next week.

A travel agency register is only one aspect of government concern about the regulation of all types of trader including deposits from the public.

Priority has been given to the travel industry because ABTA's rules are under fire from restrictive practices legislation as they forbid trade with non-members as well as protecting consumers.

The only concession gained by ABTA after exhaustive meetings with consumer protection authorities was that the Office of Fair Trading agreed to allow a respite until at least the end of this year before starting proceedings in the restrictive practices courts.

Meanwhile, the association's case was weakened by the collapse last summer of the Overseas Relatives Reunion Club leaving debts mostly to prospective long-distance travellers of around £500,000.

The company was neither a member of ABTA nor licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority so the public was left unprotected.

It is in order to plug loopholes such as this as well as, if necessary, to replace the ABTA scheme that the possibility of a statutory register is being examined.

One proposal is that the CAA's jurisdiction could be extended to include travel agents. At present only operators organizing air travel tours are licensed and bonded by the authority.

It is thought that the authority's powers could be extended to cover licensing of the sale as well as the organization of air travel under existing legislation. But a considerable expansion in staff and other resources would be needed to enable it to police effectively the 4,000 or so retail travel agents.

A replacement of the ABTA scheme would require a scrutiny of financial accounts as well as collection of a "bond" to protect consumers in case of business failure.

One of the main arguments against a statutory register is that it would be costly and bureaucratic to set up.

Patricia Tisdall

Uncertain future for Leyland staff

By Our Midland Industrial Correspondent

The future of 650 British Leyland office staff is in the balance after Mr Michael Edwardes's decision to dismember Leyland International, the subsidiary which handles all car and commercial vehicle exports.

These responsibilities will be restored to the newly created car companies—Austin Morris and Jaguar Rover Triumph and also to Leyland Vehicles, the new name for Leyland Truck and Bus.

A small number of staff will be retained to control overseas manufacturing facilities in a new company, BL International.

But jobs for the majority will depend on a number of factors, including willingness to move from the present International offices in London and Coventry to the still to be announced new headquarters of the car companies or Leyland in Lancashire for commercial vehicles.

The lucky ones would seem to be the 300 or so employed in International's European division headed by Mr Bert Lawrence and housed in an office block near the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre.

Austin Morris will probably choose Longbridge as its new headquarters, and JRT could return to Solihull. Both are within easy commuting distance of their present homes.

But there will still have to be redundancies to avoid duplicating work already carried on in the existing sales and marketing operations of Leyland Cars and Leyland Truck and Bus.

Two important meetings take place today. Mr Edwardes will be addressing 2,000 of his distributors and dealers at Wembley conference centre. It will be the first time that the whole network has gathered in one place.

He will appeal to them to remain loyal and not desert to other franchises despite falling sales. He will assure them that he is giving "absolute priority" to the restoration of the company's battered image.

Leyland Cars combined shop stewards' committee, the unofficial but powerful shopfloor policy-making body, will meet in Birmingham to consider Mr Edwardes's survival plan.

Deals in Allied Breweries shares under SE scrutiny

By Our Financial Staff

Brokers who dealt in Allied Breweries' shares on January 19 have been asked by the Stock Exchange monitoring committee to furnish details of the transactions carried out that day.

The inquiry stems from the rise in Allied shares before the Price Commission announced at 2.30 that afternoon that the brewery group had been granted permission to lift its prices by 2p per pint. The timing of that announcement has already stirred City controversy and a Stock Exchange request for details since it fell within trading hours rather than the usual time of 4.30 pm.

The Stock Exchange stressed yesterday that, although Allied had climbed 3p to 86p on January 19, its request for information always took place once the monitoring committee had discovered an abnormal price movement.

A decision about whether to go ahead with a full investigation will rest on the answers provided by the relevant brokers.

At the moment, dealing in Lankro Chemicals Group is the only subject of a full Stock Exchange investigation.

Pay fears give shares worst day for months

By Alison Mitchell

Pay worries continued to trouble stock markets yesterday and many shares had their worst day for months.

The FT Ordinary Share Index tumbled throughout the session and, despite talk of buyers returning in the late afternoon, closed at 460.5 its lowest level of the day, and almost touching the mid-November low of 456.7.

The situation was not helped by the gloomy predictions of the chartists who expect the index to fall to 400.

Gilts were also on the slide with up to a point being trimmed off stocks at one stage.

Fisons accept modified rises

Fisons said yesterday that it had "reluctantly" given ministers an undertaking about prices after an "unnecessary, unjustified and expensive" investigation by the Price Commission.

Fisons had sought rises of up to 43.7 per cent, but the commission said the rises should be restricted to 20 per cent

Increase of $311m in UK reserves

By Our Financial Correspondent

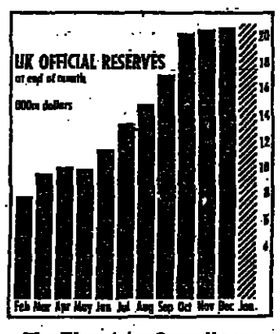
Net overseas borrowing of $73m by the public sector and "smoothing" operations in the foreign exchange market by the Bank of England led to an increase of $311m (or £159m) in Britain's official reserves last month to $20,868m.

Although the rise in the reserves was somewhat larger than in the previous two months of the sterling "float", this was mainly as a result of the increase in public sector borrowing from overseas—an item that had been negative to the tune of $94m in December.

After stripping out the impact of this official borrowing—largely by public corporations from the European Investment Bank—Bank of England intervention in the foreign exchange market appears to have been on a slightly lower scale than in December.

The main intervention by the Bank probably came early in the month at a time when the pound was gyrating wildly against the dollar. Having started the month at $1.9710, the pound surged to $1.9950 as the dollar care under heavy pressure. At the end of the month the pound stopped at $1.9520.

By contrast, the reserves may well show a fall in February. In pursuit of the Government's policy to make use of the strong position of sterling and the size of the reserves to repay or reschedule overseas borrowings by the public sector, the Electricity Council is due to repay $500m of overseas debt this month. This debt had originally been due for repayment in 1982 and will now be largely refinanced domestically.



The Electricity Council repayment will then be followed some time this spring by the repayment of $1,000m to the International Monetary Fund. In addition, other overseas debt repayments totalling some $950m fall due this year, most of it during the second half of

What remains to be seen, however, is whether the Government will make any significant change in the degree of intervention it is prepared to make in the foreign exchange

There has been growing concern, reflected in this week's CBI survey, about prospects for British exporters as a result of the authorities' policy of allowing sterling to appreciate.

Publication of the January reserve figures had little effect on the foreign exchange market, where the main interest yesterday was strong downward pressure on the French franc.

Sterling closed at $1.9495, its effective rate at 66.7 per cent —the highest level since spring 1976.

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e London subsidiary of ne Midland Bank of New is to be treated as a test in the long-running tax te between a number of national banks and the d Revenue over the taxif notional profits arising foreign exchange rate ations.

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ports inflation cover extended

e Hill
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Government plans to its cost escalation for export contracts, but e coupled with tighter measures so that comeeking approval are not pay guidelines.

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After the introduction of the 10 per cent guideline last July, the Government has a black list of companies which have exceeded the pay code who will be denied export credit guarantees. Two already have been refused credit.

John Huxley writes: Department of Trade officials and legal advisers were yesterday considering the precise form of sanctions to be taken against Sun Alliance which it claims has breached government pay guidelines. A notice to the company to restrict premiums is expected from the department within the next couple of days.

Sun Alliance, which last October decided to make its pension scheme for 7,800 staff noncontributory and granted a 9.9 per cent pay rise, remain intransigent.

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) which has between 200 and 300 at Sun Alliance (a staff association has negotiating rights), also said that if the company were to give in to government pressure it would take action "against the company, the Department of Trade or both".

The Department would offer no comment on the suggestion that the Government may be considering an instruction to the Bank of England to cut Sun Alliance's access to foreign exchange.

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Finance Bill may include 3 schemes

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growth and capital gains on disposal would be charged on the basis of full market value at acquisition.

Finally a scheme is proposed which would involve an employee buying shares on favourable terms although he would have to find the money himself, possibly with the help of loans from the company.

Yesterday Mr Pardoe made it clear that these provisions would not have appeared but for the Lib-Lab pact.

"The Labour Party has never been in the least interested in profit-sharing and the Conservative Party has only been interested provided the profits were shared among the right people—meaning top people", he said.

Trade unionists saw profit-sharing as "undermining their hierarchical authority", he said.

The greatest failure of British capitalism had been its failure to distribute industrial wealth. He pointed out that only 3.8 per cent of British people own shares against 25 per cent in the United States.

"The stock answer of British capitalists to this charge is that many more people own shares indirectly through their pension funds. That is like saying that in Russia the peasants who Stalin collectivized own the land. It only proves that British capitalists are as collectivized as British socialists", he said.

"If the Liberal scheme really catches on it will not be long before the employees will own the lion's share of many British companies. How terrible! Not for Liberals it won't be."



Mr John Pardoe yesterday: a great day for the British economy.

Mr Pardoe admitted that the proposals gave tax benefits to employees in the private sector that would not be available to those in the nationalized industries but he hoped that public employees would "soon be knocking at the door demanding a piece of the action".

For the purposes of any pay restraint legislation he said the Liberals regarded the schemes as "self-financing productivity deals" although he did acknowledge that the provisions could be cancelled by future legislation.

Commenting on the proposals last night a Confederation of British Industry spokesman said they welcomed the idea of tax incentives for employee share ownership and had said so in the Budget document last year.

The CBI would be studying the proposals more closely but one factor would be that any tax incentives under this scheme might offset possible tax reductions for the community as a whole.

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the markets moved

The Times index: 193.59—2.91
The FT index: 460.5—9.3

nd	3p to 23p	Rand Mine Prop	12p to 130p
ood	39p to 360p	Scot & Cont Inv	161p to 60p
illers	9p to 123p	Tiger Oats	5p to 460p
illis	4p to 73p	Welkom	6p to 227p
	10p to 620p	Metal Box	8p to 294p
tores	10p to 160p	Norton & Wright	7p to 135p
	8p to 298p	Prop Hldgs	10p to 320p
	4p to 117p	Royal	15p to 378p
Tst	8p to 322p	Shell	6p to 484p
	8p to 254p	Sun Alliance	18p to 527p
	13p to 557p	Taylor Woodrow	8p to 382p
dd	8p to 178p	Town & City	1p to 15p
	15p to 170p	Turner Mfg	6p to 113p
	11p to 184p	Wardle E	1p to 19p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.71
Austria Sch	31.00	29.00
Belgium Fr	66.00	63.00
Canada $	2.22	2.16
Denmark Kr	11.48	11.08
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.75
France Fr	9.57	9.25
Germany Dm	4.30	4.08
Greece Dr	77.00	73.50
Hongkong $	9.30	8.85
Italy Lr	1765.00	7690.00
Japan Yn	490.00	465.00
Netherlands Gld	4.59	4.37
Norway Kr	10.31	9.95
Portugal Esc	86.00	80.00
S Africa Rd	2.00	1.85
Spain Pes	166.25	159.25
Sweden Kr	9.35	9.00
Switzerland Fr	4.04	3.82
US $	2.00	1.94
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.00	37.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Gold lost $1.50 an ounce to $174.625.
SDR-$ was 1.21488, while SDR-£ was 0.623303.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1397.8 (previous 1399.8).

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

CYANAMID INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

5¾% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures Due 1980

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of September 1, 1965 providing for the above Debentures, $468,000 aggregate principal amount of said Debentures have been selected by lot for redemption on March 1, 1978, through operation of the Sinking Fund, at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to said date. The serial numbers of the Debentures selected for redemption are as follows:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

M-2	1161	2470	3993	5234	6941	7941	7828	8910	10221	11040	11889	13861	15098	16257	18006	19466
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104	1206	2949	4195	5329	6926	7291	7836	8939	10472	11069	11987	14035	15347	16534	18101	19495
120	1239	2941	4213	5353	6969	7355	7822	9017	10522	11093	11989	14048	15382	16541	18105	19517
178	1254	2657	4286	5561	6975	7389	7805	9067	10563	11154	11984	14105	15323	16741	18135	19549
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223	1503	2928	4484	5950	6817	7489	7963	9276	10704	11342	13238	14446	15722	16960	18479	19610
324	1507	2950	4512	5952	6828	7475	8037	9450	10730	11342	13240	14485	15730	16968	18498	19618
355	1535	2970	4588	5959	6847	7485	8159	9535	10778	11368	13247	14497	15848	16979	18525	19632
356	1603	2974	4635	6006	6854	7488	8190	9563	10791	11387	13259	14499	15863	17029	18553	19658
409	1709	2976	4725	6016	6855	7507	8220	9589	10799	11388	13289	14504	15927	17049	18643	19780
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593	1712	2966	4869	6062	6881	7552	8450	9838	10804	11843	13175	14541	15983	17056	18758	19839
657	1853	2980	4879	6069	6945	7549	8451	9889	10813	11556	13451	14598	16078	17333	18767	19870
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Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the above Debentures with coupons due September 1, 1978 and subsequent coupons attached at the main offices of any of the following: Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, N.Y. 10015; Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Brussels, Frankfurt am Main, London or Paris; Banca Commerciale Italiana in Milan; Algemene Bank Nederland, N.V. in Amsterdam; or Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise in Luxembourg. Coupons due March 1, 1978 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

On and after March 1, 1978 interest shall cease to accrue on the Debentures selected for redemption.

CYANAMID INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Dated: January 25, 1978

NOTICE

The following Debentures previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

DEBENTURES OF $1,000 EACH

M-642	725	772	788	818	836	2784	3188	8340	8504	9268
691	770	789	811	825	2761	3107	3950	8007	8312	8691
8901	9294	10294	10625	10677	11456					
8523	9008	9478	10501	10626	11122	11682				

PAYE system was 'near to collapse'

By Margaret Stone

Pay As You Earn, or PAYE, the main component of our tax gathering system, was near to collapse last year because of the numerous changes in taxation during the period.

The report of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the year to end-March 1977, published yesterday baldly states that 1977 "rested the PAYE machine to its operational limit".

The Commissioners defend PAYE, which they say is efficient and collects nearly 99 per cent of the tax due within six months of the end of the tax year and, what is more, gets it right for five out of six taxpayers.

On the other hand, the report acknowledges that this sophisticated and complicated system is still, except in Scotland, manually operated. Revenue codings, notification and assessments are done by "hand, pen, typewriter and files".

Although cheap to the taxpayer, it is a labour-intensive system and "inherently expensive" to both the Revenue and employers.

It is also inflexible and "simply cannot cope with some problems" such as taxing short-term social security benefits or implementing tax increases in the second half of the fiscal year.

To deal with the Budget and other tax changes last year the Inland Revenue staff workers put in about 2,500,000 hours' overtime.

The cost of collection in 1976-77 rose by £47.8m to £402.2m, and the revenue collected over £20,000m for the first time.

Brokers predict Budget stimulus may lead to 15pc monetary growth

By John Whitmore
Financial Correspondent

If the Government injects as much as £2,500m into the economy as a result of this spring's BZudget, growth, in the money supply in the next financial year could be in excess of 15 per cent, according to stockbrokers Phillips & Drew in the February edition of the firm's *Economic Forecasts*.

This, the brokers argue, would result largely from the effect of two factories—a strong rise in bank lending (£5,000m) and constraints on the ability of the authorities to maintain sales of public sector debt to the resident non-bank sector on anything like the scale seen in 1977-78.

To keep money supply growth in line with a repeat 13 per cent ceiling next year, the brokers suggest that the Government would have to limit the expansion of bank lending to £4,000m. This would have to be done by the reintroduction of controls over bank lending in the form of the supplementary special deposit scheme—the "corset".

Phillips & Drew believe that the Government, faved by the choice of caution in applying fiscal stimulus and putting its monetary policies at risk, will opt to take the monetary risk for the sake of a significant fiscal stimulus.

Hoare Govett also believe the Government may be forced to reintroduce the banking "corset" next year. In their latest review of the gilt edged market, the brokers suggest that the range for sterling M3 growth in the next financial year should be cut to between 8 and 12 per cent. Brokers de Zoete and Bevan, in their *Monthly Economic Survey* see further signs that economic activity is already reviving swiftly and that it might be prudent at such an early stage of the economic cycle to limit the amount of reflationary pressures.

The brokers add that since monetary targets are set in an attempt to improve inflationary expectations, if not the acual inflation rate it would prudent to keep the rate of monetary expansion within the top rate of growth ,13 per cent) set for the current year, and preferably below a lower target ceiling.

There is a real risk that economic activity will be stimulated too sharply and too soon, with resulting pressures on monetary control the balance of payments and sterling, de Zoete points out.

These three brokers' circulars reflect a growing consensus in the City that an over-expansionary fiscal stance by the Government will either put monetary control at risk or lead to a situation in which monetary control may neutralize part of the fiscal stimulus.

Hopes rise of Speke plant strike settlement

By R. W. Shakespeare

As a result of Wednesday's meeting between Mr Michael Edwardes, chairman of British Leyland, and 650 of the company's shop stewards, hopes rose on Merseyside yesterday that fresh moves planned for next week may lead to a settlement of the 15-week-old strike that has shut down the Triumph car plant.

Stewards from the factory at Speke, Liverpool, will meet on Monday, and it is possible they will call a mass meeting of the 2,000 strikers on Wednesday.

The Triumph stewards told management representatives in talks last week that they would consider calling a mass meeting—the first since the strike began on November 1.

However, they made it clear that this meeting would be held primarily to "report back" on the details of Mr Edwardes' reorganization plan that he gave to the conference of shop stewards in Leamington on Wednesday.

They would give no commitment on whether or not a vote would be taken on company proposals for a return to work at Speke.

Now it appears that this attitude may be softening somewhat.

The shutdown at Speke where 6,000 workers are employed, and the lay-off of a further 2,000 Triumph assembly workers at Coventry, has cost Leyland lost production of more than £80m worth of TR7 and Dolomite cars.

Underlying the cautious optimism that an end of the strike may be in sight is the fear among many Merseyside car workers that Mr Edwardes's plans for Leyland's car making operations may still include either the closure of the Speke plant or a complete change in its function.

UK subsidiary to spend £30m on doubling output at Scottish plant

Cummins develops fuel-saving engine

The British subsidiary of Cummins, the American group which is the world's largest independent manufacturer of diesel engines for heavy trucks, yesterday reported that it had developed a "new generation" engine with better fuel economy than any of its competitors.

The new engine, which goes on sale immediately, is already attracting the attention of its rivals, Rolls-Royce Shrewsbury and Gardner Manchester, because it would appear to put an end to the traditional weakness of Cummins—the thirstiness of their engines.

Reliability of the big six-cylinder made at Shotts in Scotland has already won it market leadership with more than 20 per cent of the British 28-tons and over truck sector. And this despite the fact that it is not fitted to any of the volume selling continental trucks which account for one in two of the "heavies" on our roads.

Now Cummins is claiming a 10 per cent improvement in fuel consumption for the E290, a turbo-charged and much-modified version of its naturally aspirated six cylinder. This would seem to put it level with the legendary Gardner. Gardner's remarkable fuel economy has been the target for rival manufacturers for nearly 20 years.

Cummins is so confident it has a winner that it is spending £30m to double output at Shotts and aiming for 30 per cent of the British market by the early 1980s.

Yesterday's announcement comes at a time when big changes are taking place in the diesel engine industry. Boosted by substantial military contracts Rolls-Royce is expanding its Shrewsbury plant and Gardner, for so long a family firm, has recently been acquired by Hawker Siddeley.

Hawker Siddeley has access to the engineering knowhow and finances necessary to solve Gardner's problem, its inability to meet demand.

The big target for all three is the Continent. Mr Joe Patrick, vice-president of Cummins Europe, said: "The Shotts expansion gives us for the first time the ability to increase our United Kingdom business and at the same time push into Europe."

Mr Bob Campbell, vice-president marketing, said: "The continental truck manufacturers are facing increasingly unfavourable economies associated with low volume production.

Clifford Webb

6pc fall in timber price cuts building cost

By John Huxley

For the first time in five years, housebuilding costs are falling, according to figures published yesterday by the *Building Housing Cost Index. In January* an overall fall of 0.3 per cent was recorded, largely because of a 6 per cent drop in the price of timber.

In the three months November to January building costs still rose by 0.6 per cent, equal to 2.4 per cent a year. In the same period 12 months ago, however, the index was rising at a rate of 10 per cent a year.

Although housebuilding costs have been rising more slowly recently, last month's figure may have been distorted by the timber returns. Most timber is imported and the January figure, which would reflect ordering several months ago, will have been improved by the appreciation of sterling.

Last month's index reflects a 6.4 per cent rise in electricians' wages and it is likely that in coming months labour rather than materials will play an increasing part in determining house costs.

The present agreement with building workers is due for renewal in June.

Successful bidders at IMF gold sale

Washington, Feb 2—The International Monetary Fund announced today that 17 bidders were successful at Wednesday's auction when it sold 524,800 oz of gold at a common price of $175 an ounce.

Gold was awarded to Alexander Trust Co of Zurich, J. Aron and Co of New York, Bank Leu of Zurich, and Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto.

Among other recipients were Compagnie Luxembourgoise de la Dresdner Bank (Dresdner Bank International of Luxembourg); Dresdner Bank and Deutsche Bank, both of Frankfurt, and Dresdner Bank (South East Asia) of Singapore.

Other successful bidders included Johnson Matthey Bankers Ltd of London, Monex International of Newport Beach, California, Samuel Montagu and Co of London, and Philipp Brothers division of Engelhard Minerals and Chemical Corporation of New York. —Reuter.

Tapered capital gains tax urged

By Our Financial Staff

Reduction of the capital gains tax burden on business rather than a protracted debate on the tapering-versus-indexation issue is the main theme of the Institute of Directors' reply to the Inland Revenue's proposals for tax reforms.

Although the institute argues that the overriding need is to eliminate inflation from capital gains, it expresses a preference for the tapering approach. A short taper of three years is seen as the best means of encouraging investment and easing the effects of inflation on capital gains.

Three quarters of top managers would go abroad to improve pay, survey says

By Rodney Cowton

Nearly three-quarters of senior managers say they would consider taking a job abroad, according to a survey which gives a stark picture of the sense of financial hardship and dissatisfaction which top executives are experiencing.

The survey*, by Opinion Research Centre, was released yesterday. A year ago the centre published one dealing with the attitudes of management generally. Yesterday's survey was designed to supplement this by providing information specifically about managers earning more than £12,000 a year.

It reveals that the sense of dissatisfaction among these over taxation and other financial matters is even deeper than among managers generally. Only 23 per cent of top managers have coped in the last three years without having to make some economies or adjustments in their living standards, and a third have had to draw on capital to live during that period.

Among the economies which have been most commonly made are spending less on holidays, clothes, and entertainment.

Nearly a third of the sample had refused a better-paid job with another company during the previous three years, while 5 per cent had turned down promotion in their own organization. A third would not move to another part of the country even if it carried with it a pay increase of £5,000 a year.

*A survey of the motivation of top British management, by Opinion Research Centre.

Houses gained 8pc in market value last year

Figures released by the Department of the Environment in conjunction with the Building Societies Association show that house prices rose by 8 per cent in 1977.

The average price of dwellings on which new mortgages were approved in the last quarter of the year was £14,370.

For new homes the average price in the fourth quarter of the year was £15,450, 3 per cent higher than in the previous quarter and 11.5 per cent higher than a year earlier.

The average price for other than new homes was £14,170, about 1¾ per cent higher than in the third quarter of 1977, and 7.5 per cent above a year ago.

Govan stewards accept switch of Polish order

By Peter Hill

Shop stewards at Govan Shipbuilders on the Upper Clyde yesterday decided to recommend the go-ahead on construction of the three vessels for Poland transferred to the yard because of labour troubles at Swan Hunter on Tyneside.

British Shipbuilders planned originally to build seven ships on Tyneside. Later this was reduced to four, worth £52m, but because of the continuing labour troubles at the Swan Hunter yards, the state group switched the orders to Govan and Smith's Dock on the Tees.

Shop stewards at Govan, anxious not to create bitterness with workers on the Tyne, sought approval from the shipbuilding committee of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions to go ahead with construction of the transferred ships. The confederation endorsed British Shipbuilders' decision earlier this week.

After the meeting yesterday, Mr James Airlie, convener, said that the stewards would be recommending at a meeting on Wednesday, that workers should proceed with work on the Polish ships.

UK RESERVES

The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves issued by the Treasury:

End of period	$m	£m	Change in month $m
1977			
Jan	7,196	4,196	+3,067
Feb	7,787	4,546	+591
March	9,618	5,592	+1,831
April	10,130	5,892	+512
May	9,901	5,760	−229
June	11,572	6,727	+1,671
July	13,422	7,725	+1,850
Aug	14,852	8,521	+1,430
Sept	17,171	9,826	+2,319
Oct	20,211	10,987	+3,040
Nov	20,394	11,227	+193
Dec	20,557	10,715	+163
1978			
Jan	20,868	10,691	+311

Computer pay dispute threatens Lloyds Bank

Data processing staff at Lloyds Bank may be balloted by the National Union of Bank Employees on whether to take industrial action in a dispute over unsocial hours payments.

A union official said: "Only 250 staff are involved but if they took action it would cripple the bank's accountancy system and close the cash dispensing machines which are on a line to the computer."

The union's national executive, which is meeting this week, approved the ballot if further talks with the management on Tuesday fail to find a solution.

Unsocial hours payments range between 10 and 50 per cent, and the dispute centres on the method of assessment.

In brief

Fall in EEC output

Industrial production in the European Community declined 0.3 per cent between October and November, showing a year-on-year decline of 2.2 per cent, Eurostat, the EEC Statistics Office, reported in Brussels. The November index, stood at 116.2 (1970 equals 100). The decline in production was "very marked" in West Germany and in The Netherlands.

GEC storemen sit in

A protest sit-in by storekeepers at four GEC factories in Coventry yesterday may lead to extensive day-offs as components supplies dry up. The 300 men who issue and distribute vital materials and parts to some 6,000 production employees have taken the action in support of a wage claim.

Oil price regulator

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is planning to produce a "model" to regulate oil price differentials by the end of this year. After a two-day meeting in Geneva of ministers from five Opec members producing heavy crude oil, officials said an overall plan for pricing various grades of crude would eliminate the need for individual countries to make small, unscheduled price adjustments, in order to retain their share of the market.

Textile monitor

Britain's textile and clothing industries are to monitor the level of imports during the next twelve months. Information collated will be used to assist the Departments of Trade and Industry in monitoring the trends under the new bilateral agreements with developing countries established under the terms of the Gatt Multi-Fibre Arrangement.

New airline

Formation of Scimitar Airlines, a passenger and cargo airline to be based in Britain was announced yesterday. One of its shareholders is an unnamed merchant in the United Arab Emirates. Its chairman and chief executive is Mr M. A. Guinane, who was formerly managing director of British Caledonian.

Money guides aim at financial 'education'

Lloyds Bank is launching a £500,000 campaign to help educate the public about financial matters. It has prepared four money guides which recommend the National Savings Bank and building societies, as well as Lloyds. The guides cover family finance, women and money, tax, and the particular problems of the school-leaver about to start work. Mr John Davis, deputy general manager, says the bank hopes to earn good will—and new customers—by helping people to help themselves.

The guides are based on a series of market research studies.

Business appointments

Sir Alex Page joins board of J. Lyons

Sir Alex Page, chairman of Metal Box, has been made a non-executive director of J. Lyons.

Mr E. A. Allan has been appointed chief manager, European division, Lloyds Bank International and a director of Lloyds Bank International (France) and Lloyds Bank International (Belgium).

Mr David Evans becomes managing director of Scaffolding (Great Britain).

Mr G. W. G. Browne and Mr L. E. A. Slater have been appointed directors of Unisec Group.

Mr D. T. Jordan has been promoted from director and general manager to managing director of Lesser International.

Mr J. D. W. Field becomes a non-executive director of Hoskins and Horton.

Mr Clive Dodson has been made managing director of A.P.V.-Kestner and Lennox Foundry.

Mr Frank DuBose and Mr Rodney Wright have been appointed executive directors of First International Bancshares.

Mr Hugh McNeamie has been made a director of Electric and General Investment.

Lord Layton, a former executive board member of the British Steel Corporation and managing director of Steel Co of Wales, has joined the board of Wolff Steel Holdings.

Mr W. Fox is to be made a director of French Kier Holdings.

Advertisement awards

The judges of *The Times* award for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear last year included Mr Richard Blackburn and Mr Edward Myatt. They are members of Touche Ross & Co and Intel Financial Services respectively, and not of the companies mentioned in later editions yesterday.

Debenhams disposal

The Debenhams department store being purchased by Tesco is at Bradford, and not Bedford as stated on Wednesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pension schemes already a form of profit-sharing

From Mr D. C. Damant

Sir, In your edition of January 25 George Copeman argues strongly for profit-sharing schemes in British industry. His approach is also supported by the Liberal Party which is pressing this policy very strongly on the present government.

The difficulties of this type of proposal are well-known: the exclusion of those in the nationalized industries or in loss-making organizations; the importance of diversifying one's savings and not saving in the same company as one's employment; the further levy on an inadequate profitability; the necessity for some restriction on the sale of the employee's shares; and so on. But all these difficulties are avoided by an arrangement which is already in existence, which is of enormous size, and is growing rapidly: that is of course the present scheme of company pensions.

The recent figures (from the ISIS Research Centre) show that pension funds are comparable in value to some 40 per cent of the *quoted equity capital of British* industry, with new money of the order of 50 per cent of annual profits. These funds arise throughout industry, whether nationalized or private, they are channelled through diverse parts to diverse investments, providing an appropriate spread of risk for the pensioner; and they give him a large and growing stake in the profitability of industry as a whole.

Of course, pension funds do not provide a direct connexion between the employee and the profitability of the company he works for. There is no reason why schemes such as those proposed by Mr Copeman should not go forward. But the amounts of money involved will remain insignificant compared with those in the pension fund industry, which already bears a strong resemblance to the ideal, nationally organized schemes for employee participation in profits which many countries abroad have debated so fruitlessly for so long.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr A. Brett

Sir, George Copeman's article of January 25 deserves attention if only because of the claim for a self-adjusting mechanism in the bonus grid, based on value added. But the article fails to impress as a description of a developed tool for saving jobs and boosting investment because it appears to have ignored certain fundamental prerequisites, such as:

1. The definition of *enterprise so that the personnel concerned* can see they are influencing its profitability, eg, with regard to the members of a group under common management.

2. The definition of *profitability* especially in times of rapidly changing values, eg, the need for return on investment to be based on current value accounting standards or some other measure which is more rational than that of historic "funny money".

Yours truly,
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January 31.

The Luddite attitude of some unions

From Mr D. A. Harris

Sir, Infusion of capital into dustry, whether from the or market into private industry from the taxpayer into nati alized industry, makes sense it leads via greater produ vity to a lowering of prices *the consumer and increa* exports, but all too often expensive modernization plant has been immediat followed, or even prevent by union opposition or obstr tion and a form of blackn to preserve redundant jobs to extort all the "profits" the union members' benefit.

It is not "union-bashing" quote examples: it is imp rant that the electorate aware of the harm being d to the national economy by "Luddite" behaviour of sc unions, even in the late tw tieth century—with the sacii open approval of many in Labour Party. So here some examples:

Blastfurnacemen's conditi for operating the new st works in South Wales.

Railwaymen's insistence unnecessary extra men on h motives (*The Times*, Janu 11).

Printing workers' resista to modern machines.

Dockers' opposition to tainer traffic.

The Chancellor's recent f cast of the benefits com from investment appare ignored the possibility much of the investment m be prevented, or nullified, this kind of action.

Can any reliable way devised by either party *ensure* cooperation from shop floor when new eq ment and techniques are in duced?

Yours faithfully,
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January 30.

Has local democracy been lost on coal site?

From Mr R. Hall

Sir, As one who is about to be engulfed by a 540-acre open-cast coal site, I am not at all reassured by the tidy and rosy picture painted of the activity by the chairman of the Open-cast Executive, NCB (January 30). His justification may sound very plausible to the bureaucrats, but real people have to suffer in the operational area.

Can Mr. Davies detail the careful controls which he claims will prevent the working becoming a public nuisance? I have a feeling that they will sound rather unconvincing to the local residents of this village, who are completely opposed to the scheme.

Indeed, a public inquiry, reported in your issue of October 29 last, recommended against an authorization for the NCB to work the Oughterside site, yet the Energy Secretary rejected its findings because a quota of 15 million tons had to be met. In this way some of the most productive agricultural land in Cumbria on the edge of the Lake District National Park has to be sacrificed for the sake of squaring some figures.

Can Mr Davies explain why the local community's feelings and an independent inquiry have been flouted? What has happened to Mr Benn's much-vaunted ideas of local democracy? Now we know that quotas come first.

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Accountants should control our finances

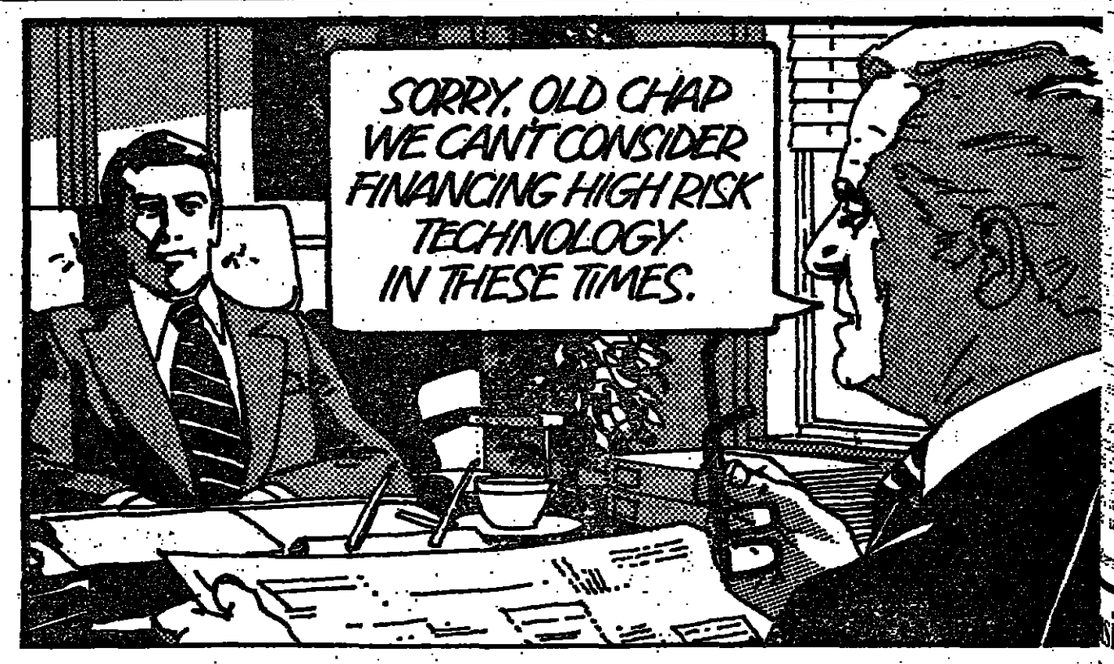
From Mr E. M. Jones

Sir, While congratulating Ian Byatt on attaining an portant post at the Treasu am sure accountants should in charge of the coun finances, not economists.

I am looking forward to day when a comprehe balance sheet showing a and libailities is a factual lity, especially showing hidden assets which become lost amid the vast of treasury accounts.

I do not think econor have had the training to ur take this work and they divert an urgent and nece requirement.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Confidence returns to sterling Eurobonds

a doubtful debut, the sterling Euro- market has now gained confidence; atest two issues by Rowntree Mackin- and the European Investment Bank encountered strong demand and are being followed by a £15m issue from a iary of Sears Holdings. Sears' enthusi- s evident in the fact that, although the ated 10¼ per cent coupon is the same at on Rowntree's issue, there is to be king fund and the 10-year issue there- as an effectively maturity of two years

re is every reason for confidence, how- The response to Rowntree's issue was hat it was increased in size from £15m m, priced at a small premium of 100¼ as yesterday holding its price well in condary market. The talk, meanwhile, t there are some dangerously exposed positions in other sterling issues which be difficult to close and which could el higher prices.

he market has recovered every bit as y as it collapsed only two months ago an unfortunate glut of three issues into the market immediately after um Lending Rate was hoisted by two . Such was the scale of price falls between three and four points in issues—that serious questions were about the market's capacity to absorb ore paper at all.

investor liquidity in the Eurobond t is high and there are virtually no ollar issues being offered. Orion Bank lculated Eurobond interest and prin- repayments alone in January at and while some has found its way quidity, much has clearly been looking ome in non-dollar bonds. Witness also e-off in D mark issues. The earlier, held sterling issues have moved into hands and prices have, in some cases, han recovered their previous losses.

r issues are now believed to be in the e, but issuing houses are likely to e a more sophisticated queue system itheto. There seems to be full aware- nat such a young, unproven market to be exploited with caution.

Food retailers

Consequences of the price war

Food retailing is experiencing a major upheaval as the price war continues. And, to judge from this week's estimate from International Stores that food chain store profits could be halved this year, the trauma is far from over.

Tesco's decision to drop Green Shield stamps, the symbolic start of the war, was as much a response to the factors which have led to the present climate in the High Street as it was a cause. For food retailers net margins have been under pressure for some time, squeezed by the fall in consumer spending, by price restraint and by heavy investment by the big chains which has led to excess capacity.

All this may be good news for consumers, but for the stock market it raises the crucial question of what will happen to margins. After a fall last year of about two percentage points in gross margins by food retailers, a further decline of at least one point is expected during 1978.

A few analysts now expect that the final quarter of this year will see a recovery of gross margins alongside higher wages, although higher disposable income might create a preference for more expensive foods, a development which could partly offset the more pessimistic assumptions.

Another aspect of price cutting is the stores' need to close uneconomic units. Despite acknowledged over-capacity in the sector, several big groups are planning extensive developments—Tesco, for example, will spend £45m over the next two years, though not all of it will be on food retailing.

Most of these factors have already been discounted by the market so that the sector is now selling at around 11½ times earnings, roughly 25 per cent above the market. But until they are better able to assess what the final effect of the present price war will be, investors would be wise to remain cautious about the sector.



● *These are uncertain times for Mr Paul Tapscott, chairman of Associated Fisheries (above), as he awaits the outcome of talks on the EEC fishing dispute. Associated increased pre-tax profits by 85 per cent to £3.5m last year despite an exceptional depreciation provision of more than £1m. Meanwhile, disposals in the food processing side will have transformed the balance sheet to provide net cash of just under £7m.*

But with most of the distant water fleet now in dock and a declining catch from the in-shore partnerships, Associated's fishing activities have run into losses; the group barely broke even in the first three months of the current year.

Interim figures will be "well below" last year's and unless Mr Silkin can at least wrest the principle of a 50-mile United Kingdom "preference" limit from fellow EEC ministers prospects could be bleak. So Associated's shares down 9p to 55p yesterday, where they sell on a historic p/e ratio of more than 7½ and yield just over 8 after a recovery-based dividend boost, must be vulnerable while the EEC wrangle continues.

Philip Goldenberg discusses the Inland Revenue's consultative document on company profit sharing schemes

Fair shares for all the workers

"The real purpose of profit sharing . . . is to show that the worker is treated as a partner, and that the division of the proceeds of industry is not a mystery concealed from him, but is based upon known and established rules to which he is a party."—The Liberal Party's Yellow Book, 1928.

The Inland Revenue's consultative document, published yesterday, rightly points out that profit sharing is not a necessary part of the encouragement of share ownership, nor *vice versa*, and that relief from tax is not essential for either purpose. It is, nevertheless, widely recognized to be a legitimate use of the tax system to achieve, if only by gentle encouragement, objectives that are considered to be socially desirable; and this is the aim of the tax incentives for profit sharing contained in the consultative document.

The document starts by describing the present unfavourable tax regime applicable to employee share ownership, under which, in effect, any benefit (by way of the issue of shares, or the exercise of options, or a loan on favourable terms to assist in the acquisition of shares) is liable to income tax. It then proceeds to suggest three possible methods to ameliorate that régime.

Methods I and II differ only marginally. The first suggests a specific allocation from a company's profits made to an employee on condition that he applies it, after deduction of tax under PAYE, in the subscription of shares at a heavy discount on their market value (30 per cent to take account of restrictions to be imposed, presumably on dividend, transfer and voting, and a further 10 per cent for luck). The second, however, is a simple application by the employee of a comparable amount of net income to the subscription of similarly discounted shares on the same terms and conditions.

As will be seen from the table the tax saving to the employee under method I or II is minimal and his employing company in fact incurs additional taxation compared with an equivalent payment of remuneration.

This last quirk arises because the element of dilution, represented by the aggregate discount of 37 per cent on the market value of the shares issued, is not a deductible expense of the company for corporation tax purposes, but effectively a transfer of value from the company's shareholders generally.

Gross income: Method III, however, allows an employee to apply up to £500 of gross income in any year in the subscription of shares in his employing company at full market value. Tax is, in effect, deferred until the sale of the shares in question, when the lower of subscription cost and sale proceeds is brought into charge to income tax on a tapered basis: after five years only 50 per cent of the lower of these two amounts is taxable and this drops to 25 per cent after 10 years.

The employee thereby saves £85 in tax per £500 of shares acquired (see the table) and the effect on the company is neutral as regards corporation tax. In addition, as there is no discount there is no element of dilution to prejudice the generality of shareholders and the company benefits fully from the effective cash investment.

A few specific points should be noted under all methods. First, shares will have to be held for at least five years, except in case of death or cessation of employment by reason of redundancy, injury or disability; a "lock-in" period is obviously sensible if it is intended that employees should grow towards a feeling of identity with their employing companies.

Secondly, the limit of £500 per employee per year will avoid the consequences of the Conservative legislation in 1972, whereby share schemes were used as a tax-saving device for senior executives. The right view is surely that the problem of excessively high personal tax rates should be dealt with by reducing them, not by a sidewind involving profit sharing arrangements, which have a quite separate rationale.

Thirdly, amounts allocated by companies do not have to depend on a particulad, or indeed any, level of profits; it is up to each company to decide its own basis of allocation; and an added value formula, which is increasingly considered more appropriate, can equally well be used.

Finally, under all methods, actual gains by employees arising from any increase in the value of their shares while they hold them will be subject only to capital gains tax. In practice, however, there will either be no charge (if disposals in any year do not exceed £1,000) or, in the vast majority of cases, a reduced charge at an effective rate of 17 per cent.

Shareholders' approval: perhaps most controversially of all, there is no requirement that any scheme requires approval by a company's shareholders in general meeting. This represents a change from the Conservative legislation of 1972 and is perhaps influenced by European thinking. Article 41 of the Second EEC Directive on Company Law, which underlies many of the provisions to be introduced in the forthcoming Companies Bill, specifically permits derogations, in the case of employee share schemes, from the normal rules requiring approval by a general meeting of all proposed share issues.

This point should be covered in the new Companies Bill, although it was omitted from the consultative document published by the Department of Trade last July. The Stock Exchange, too, will have to give consideration to relaxing its present requirements that share schemes be approved in general meeting, and should find it much easier to do so in the case of method III, where no element of dilution is involved.

The underlying principle for dispensing with the consent of a general meeting is that it falls upon the directors of a company to balance the respective interests of the providers of capital on the one hand and labour on the other and it is hardly desirable for one such provider to have a veto as regards the treatment of the other.

Private companies: as with the 1972 legislation, the proposed schemes are not confined to companies whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange, but may be adopted by private companies, so long as they are not themselves subsidiaries of other companies. An obvious problem for private companies is to find buyers for shares that employees wish to sell, but many private companies which already have employee share ownership have also set up a company-financed trust for this purpose which has all the employees as potential beneficiaries. This arrangement could usefully be applied by a private company in conjunction with the proposed schemes set out in the Revenue document.

Liberal scheme: it is no secret that method III was advocated by the Liberals. It seems to us to be more advantageous to both company and employee—more likely, as there is no dilution element, to avoid the disfavour of institutional investors; simpler in its concept; and, because the shares involved are identical with other shares, more suitable to breaking down the barriers of interest between employees and the generality of shareholders.

It is significant that it is compatible with ICI's scheme, which has worked so well for so long, and with the scheme introduced by Marks and Spencer only last year.

Finally, the detail of this subject should not blind anybody to the principles. It is a truism that for years this country's economic performance and social cohesion have both suffered from its industrial divisions; and that, in terms of economics alone, the additional investment that industry so desperately needs can only come from the deferral of consumption.

Given 10 years without legislative interference—and taxation incentives for profit sharing given by a Labour Government are unlikely to be reversed by a subsequent government of whatever colour—profit sharing can help us break into the virtuous cycle of investment by employees in place of immediate consumption; and, in social terms, can help us towards that cohesion which is an essential step in the creation of a Liberal society.

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MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION—COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Method	I or II	III
	£	£
Cost to company(1)	397	500
Cost to shareholders (dilution)	153	Nil
Additional tax incurred by company(2)	54	Nil
Value to participant	415	500
Tax payable by participant	135(3)	85(4)
Net value to participant	280	415
Tax saved by participant(5)	6	85

Notes:
(1) Deductible for corporation tax purposes.
(2) Compared with £500 of remuneration, assumed to be deductible for corporation tax purposes at 52%.
(3) On original bonus of £397 at 34%.
(4) Assuming shares held for between five and ten years.
(5) As against comparable remuneration at 34%.

Paul Routledge

Engineering pay: can a national agreement be reached?

"The dilemma is this: if the employers concede a national package worth 10 per cent on the pay bill, there will be nothing left for domestic bargaining where most rises are now negotiated"

After a week of sparring and welterweight conflict on the pay front, today sees the heavyweights in the ring. On your right, the Engineering Employers' Federation, who have excited admiration for their past skill in giving bloody noses. On your left, the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, whose gloves have been confiscated by the referee, a Mr Callaghan from Cardiff.

This is the third round of the contest. The unions opened with a claim for new minimum time rates—the basic calculator for the industry's pay systems—of £70 a week for craftsmen and £55 for labourers. Because of pay policy these rates have remained unchanged at £42 and £33.60 since February, 1976.

The unions also want a host of fringe benefit improvements, including a shorter working week, longer holidays and better shift allowances.

In the second round the EEF replied with a strong right hook, offering a 2½ per cent deal that would increase minima to £52 for craft and £42 for unskilled men. Mr Hugh Scanlon, the engineering workers' president, dismissed the offer with his customary epithet of "derisory".

He also dropped some very heavy hints that unless the employers moved considerably closer to their figures the unions would abandon the engineering industry national agreement and go for their targets at plant level.

It was, apparently, a serious threat. Certainly, the employers have been taking it seriously and have given some thought to what it would mean for the 6,000 EEF member companies who employ one and a quarter million workers.

The dilemma is this: if the employers concede a national package worth 10 per cent on the pay bill, there will be nothing left for domestic negotiations where most wage rises are now negotiated. Even the present offer could operate only from the termination of phase three plant deals, if it is to comply with incomes policy.

A senior EEF negotiator said that the employers wanted a national agreement if one could be negotiated that complied with the pay restraint guidelines. "But it's not so important that we are prepared to have an agreement which concedes more than we can pay, or brings down sanctions on our companies.

"Certainly, there is no panic. Reaction is very cool. Our members want a national agreement, but not at any price."

Three years of incomes policy have distorted engineering pay particularly badly. The last minimum time rate agreement was concluded in 1975 and the last phase was paid in February, 1976. Both stage one and stage two incomes policy supplements remain unconsolidated and the industry now has an outdated basic structure on which the guaranteed week, many incentive pay schemes and holiday money are calculated.

How to marry up a national offer with plant bargains now being struck for 10 per cent is the real issue.

The unions' present strategy appears to be ambivalent—they are arguing for 10 per cent at both national and local level, to which the Government would never agree. In so far as there has been contact with ministres the employers have been warned that there can be no exceptions to the wage restraint guidelines, not even for engineering, a key exporting industry.

Because it is the engineering industry, there are inevitably political overtones. Mr Scanlon has stoutly defended the Government's pay policy, both over the 12-month rule and in the TUC General Council when the firemen sought a general assault by the Labour movement on the Cabinet's 10 per cent limit.

But left-wingers, who make up almost half of the 52-man policy-making national committee of the dominant engineering section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, want no truck with wage restraint. The engineering workers' executive is now committed to a recall of this body before deciding on its next move, if negotiations collapse today.

Mr Bob Wright, the militant candidate for the AUEW presidency in next month's elections, has attacked what he called "a conspiracy of silence" among union leaders who are privately sympathetic to the incomes policy, despite the TUC's official commitment to free collective bargaining. So it is temptingly easy to see the union's refusal to accept the present offer—almost certain to be improved during today's talks—as a plot to win votes for the left candidate: easy, but misleading, because there is no homogenous political view among the CSEU negotiators. It is more likely that the threats of a total switch to local bargaining are the normal stock-in-trade of wage negotiations.

In that context, consideration of the experience of 1972 when the engineering unions sought to win at plant level what they could not achieve in national negotiations is useful. The unions failed and the EEF are confident that, even if national negotiations collapse, there will not be a free-for-all.

National wage determination will not cease simply because the machinery for its implementation is suspended. There will still be central advice from Totthill Street as to how engineering companies should respond to a local onslaught for rises larger than would have been permitted at national level. Past experience suggests that the line will hold.

So, it is argued on the employers' side, there is not much percentage for the unions to kick over the traces. Shorn of their national authority they will be back within a year to renegotiate an agreement to safeguard the lower paid and to reassert their standing vis-à-vis the shop floor.

Whatever the outcome of today's talks, the unthinkable has been thought and the buildings have not fallen down. The engineering industry without a national agreement would be a more argumentative place to do business, but perhaps no less successful. The only clear thing to emerge so far from the present pay hullabaloo is that a serious reappraisal of wage bargaining in the industry is overdue.

Business Diary: Stylish choice for Debenhams • BCal's 'Perry Mason'

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Debenhams owns filler chain, which ity shoes made by he original Rayne- iness, which to- e $30m worth of ar.



Debenhams' Edward Rayne: a foot on either side of the Atlantic.

Best known as the Royal shoemaker, Rayne perhaps makes his most important contribution in his knowledge of American retailing practice and procedure, his commitment to the best in design and his tireless involvement with the pushing of British fashion abroad, exemplified by his work for the European Trade Committee in France.

He is a former member of the board of governors of the American Conglomerate Genesco, which includes the high style store Bonwit Teller, and will remain chairman and managing director of H. & M. Rayne Limited, the family company which Genesco sold to Debenhams.

■ Leonard N. Bebchick, a partner in the Washington law firm of Martin, Whitfield, Thaler and Bebchick, who has just been elected to the board of Caledonian Airways, the parent company of the British Caledonian group, is known in London as the Perry Mason of aviation regulation.

His theatrical style tends to clash with the quasi-judicial atmosphere at fares hearings conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority, where hushed pleadings and pin-stripe trousers are the order of the day. He has even been known to stride up and down the room when making his submissions.

Bebchick is well known to aviation legal circles over here, since he has been presenting cases for BCal and its predecessor airlines for 16 years and was made joint company secretary in 1964.

The knowhow of this Yale man is likely to be leant on heavily by BCal, which has recently opened a scheduled service between Garwick and Houston, Texas, and wants to expand in the southern states.

■ Bill Pratt Thompson, who is today expected to be named as the head of Leyland's Jaguar-Rover-Triumph side, will have a far easier job than Ray Horrocks, the 47-year-old former Ford and Eaton executive tipped in this column for a key post in Michael Edwardes' new-look British Leyland.

Horrocks, is, as was announced this week, getting the hottest seat in the motor industry—that of managing director of Austin-Morris. The heart of the old BMC group, it has staggered from crisis to crisis for the past 10 years and is losing so much money that cynics insist that Edwardes has cut it loose from the more promising Jaguar-Rover-Triumph so that its death throes will not infect the rest of the group.

But why did Horrocks, one of the most head-hunted men in the country, for whom colleagues were predicting a dazzling career, leave a top American group for such a chancy appointment?



Photograph: John Manning

Leyland's Ray Horrocks: will chance be a fine thing?

He told us that he had completed his assignment at Eaton—reorganizing its loss-making materials handling operations in Europe—and was ready for another challenge. He was still at heart "a motor man."

He had followed Leyland developments and when it became apparent that the "monolithic structure of Leyland Cars" was to be broken up, he saw an opportunity to run his own business in the automotive industry.

But he frankly admits that the creation of separate car companies has thrown up a host of problems. The worst is almost certainly the creation of clearly defined boundaries between Austin-Morris and Jaguar-Rover-Triumph — the integration of the past two and a half years means that some plants are serving both.

■ Today is the last day of an extraordinary wine sale. Extraordinary not only for the lowness of the prices, though that has been remarkable, but also for the chaos in which it has been conducted.

IDV, one of Britain's largest wine and spirit groupings, planned it as a week-long clearance sale of stocks at their City Cellars in Micawber Street and spent several thousand pounds advertising it.

On the first day, Monday, the crowds were so large that hundreds were turned away disappointed after hours of queueing in the cold. Since then supplies have had to be brought daily from the company's big depot at Harlow.

On both Tuesday and Wednesday they were an hour late. On the latter day the company's embarrassment was compounded by blocked drains, which flooded the basement where the sale is conducted.

One of the cashiers put a notice up explaining that the bad smell was the drains, not the wine.

Those who got in found themselves contending for bargains with a variety of restauranteurs, hotel keepers, tenant landlords and wine merchants. Two free-booting wine companies, Vin Roussel of Warwick and Lawrence Hayward have had men stationed at the cellars each week and at the head of the queue every morning, buying by the pallet-load as soon as new consignments appear.

The general verdict is that it has been crazy, but fun, with Morey St Denis 1964, for example, selling at only 32½p a half (almost wholly to the trade). There may be some knock-down bargains among the less popular lines today.

The new group financial controller and company secretary of Ideal-Standard UK, a maker of sanitary and plumbing-ware, is a Raymond Pipes.

GARFORD-LILLEY INDUSTRIES LTD.

INTERIM REPORT

The Directors announce the unaudited results for the half-year ended 30th September, 1977 as follows:

	Half-year to 30.9.77	Half-year to 30.9.76
	£	£
Turnover	1,987,598	1,596,077
Group Profit, before taxation	174,704	134,650
Taxation	90,846	70,018
Profit, after taxation	83,858	64,632
Earnings, per share	1.27p	0.98p

The Directors have declared an Interim Dividend in respect of the year ending 31st March 1978 of 0.175p a share (same) absorbing £11,537 payable on 15th March 1978 to shareholders registered at close of business on 24th February 1978.

Whilst the above figures show encouraging progress, the Directors feel it only prudent to say that trading conditions are proving more difficult in the second half, and therefore the full year's results are not expected to show an increase proportionate to the interim figures.

All the Group's divisions are active, but profit margins are constantly under pressure, and, whilst the long term prospects in Engineering are brightening somewhat, the current demand for new lines is progressing only very slowly. The Woodworking division is holding its own, but is not expected to contribute much to Group profits in the current year. A new activity, under the aegis of the Engineering division, to provide export transport services, which was started some years ago on a very small scale, has now developed into a modest but worthwhile enterprise on its own account and is expected to start contributing to Group profits in the current year.

Stock markets

Shares have their worst day for 10 weeks

A deteriorating labour scene and gloomy predictions from the chartists — some of whom see little to stop the index falling to 400 in the coming months — took their toll of equities which had their worst day for 10 weeks.

Specifically, investors were unnerved by the miners' rejection of a 10 per cent pay rise and the prospect of a similar response from the power workers in the near future. These considerations and a bearish circular casting doubt on the Government's ability to control the growth of the money supply weakened gilts which fell sharply throughout the range.

Dealers reported that the tone of the day was quickly set by an early mark down which followed gloomy comment on the short-term prospect for industrial peace.

By midday the FT Index was 6.2 lower and with small sellers dominating thereafter more ground was lost and by the close it stood at 460.5, a net loss of 9.3 and at its lowest level since late November.

Up 5p to 68p this week Mining Supplies has met with good support ahead of figures. Dealers are looking for interim profits up from £500,000 to £650,000 and there are at least hopes of fresh takeover talks. Last year discussions with an undisclosed suitor fell through.

Official reserves figures for January, in line with expectations, did little to help but with some "gilts" offering yields of as much as 12 per cent, a few buyers came back into the market and "shorts" closed off the bottom, with losses of around a half. At the longer end, after coming back all day, stocks finished the session about three-quarters of a point down.

However some dealers are already beginning to anticipate a rally as pension fund liquidity builds up and inflation drops into single figures.

A seminar of pharmaceuticals and a bearish notice on Glaxo from Redderwick, Stirling, Grumbar looped 23p from the shares at 557p. Beecham was also hit, ending 10p down at 620p.

Elsewhere among the leaders losses of up to 8p left GEC at 254p, GUS "A" at 278p, ICI at 339p, Fisons at 377p and Courtaulds at 112p.

Despite the low number of bids received and the disappointing bullion price at the IMF auction, gold shares held up remarkably well on the London market.

South African mines have been strong for the past few weeks, ahead of the anticipated level of the March dividends and one dealer described the current investment as relating "more to the paper than the metal".

Ahead of the overnight gold fixings on Wall Street, Free State Geduld at £13 19-32 and President Brand at £9 firmed slightly while small losses were shown on President Steyn at £6 11-16, Western Holdings at £15 17-32 and West Rand Consolidated at 146p.

Spillers were a flat market with talk of a line of around 1m shares being sold, leaving the price 1p weaker at 30p.

Whessoe hardened 2p to 94p in reaction to the point made here about the Government go-ahead for two new nuclear power stations. A circular making this and other points is also out from engineering specialist Savory Milln.

Food shares continued to suffer, none more so than Hillards, whose profits on Wednesday reflect the impact of a price war. The shares dipped 15p to 170p, while fishing operation losses lopped 7p to 57p from Associated Fisheries.

Takeover talk continues to surround Geo Sandeman. Explaining the recent volatility of the shares the group says that it understands one buyer tried without success this week to secure a large line and attracted further demand. Bass Charrington is favoured at a price of 60p. The shares have risen 4p to 57p this week.

In spite of the bullish tone of an address to a City audience by the managing director of Tesco, the shares were not moved at 89½p, while both Wheatsheaf 5p to 130p and Northern Foods 4p to 111p were in retreat, the last named reacting to its strong performance of late. A £1.8m rights issue and some disappointment at a revaluation hit Beaumont Property to the tune of 5p to 88p and cast a shadow over the rest of the sector. Worst hit were Stock Conversion, down 6p to 248p, Land Securities 5p to 211p, Haslemere 5p to 235p, Bernard Sunley 4p to 204p and Great Portland 4p to 310p.

After the sale of its television rental interests to Rediffusion, House of Fraser dipped 3p to 136p, British Leyland benefited from the favourable reception to the future plans outlined by the chairman with a 3p mark up to 23p, and Letraset went ahead a penny to 102p after the marketing agreement with Gillette.

Favourable comment gave a lift of 5p to 84p to Caravans International, while a big uranium find in Australia helped related shares like Peko Wallsend which closed 10p better at 405p.

Speculative interest stirred again in WGI, raising the shares 3p to 94p, while the firm resistance to Comet's terms lowered Henry Wigfall 6p to 262p. Tarmac also reacted from speculative strength losing a penny to 143p. In a generally depressed insurance sector the widespread talk of a possible rights issue hit Royal which lost 15p to 378p while the prospect of legal action against the Government lowered Sun Alliance 18p to 527p.

Perennial speculative favourite Myson rose 1p to 67p, well up on the 48p of last November when we reported good buying. The shares now seem well up to events. The group may eventually attract a bid, but not yet, and in the second half year to December Myson could well have wiped out the first half £432,000 loss, but no more. The group could equally well recover strongly this year, but 1978 has hardly begun. There was no interim dividend.

The expansionist nature of the Irish Budget were good for kindred shares like Irish Distillers

Though the building industry is looking for stimulus as a general election approaches this was not reflected in the related shares with AP Cement off 5p to 234p, BPB Industries 6p to 233p and Mowlem 3p to 122p.

Banks were not immune to the general retreat and in the case of Lloyds, down 5p to 258p, matters were made worse by the prospect of action by the banking union. Of the others Midland lost 3p to 340p and National Westminster 2p to 263p.

Equity turnover on February 1 was £68.39m (13,381 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, ICI, Shell, BAT Dfd, British Leyland, GEC, Reed International, Commercial Union, Royal Insurance, BAT Inds, Grand Metropolitan, Midland Bank, Irish Distillers, Caravans International, Highland Distillers, Henry Wigfall and Sun Alliance.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Allied Textiles (F)	30.69(23.68)	3.04(2.16)	24.0(17.8)	3.9(3.5)	3/4	6.48(5.8)
Ass Fisheries (F)	98.1(86.7)	3.53(1.90)	7.23(5.18)	1.80(1.25)	10/4	3.0(1.25)
Garford-Lilley (I)	1.98(1.59)	0.17(4.13)	1.27(0.98)	0.17(0.17)	15/3	—(0.71)
Hill & Smith (F)	12.73(10.90)	0.98(0.85)	18.94(16.96)	1.44(1.40)	23/3	2.19(2.15)
Kinta Kellas (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	1.0(0.53)	3/4	—(2.9)
Malaysia Rub (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	0.5(0.19)	3/4	—(1.5)
Selukwe (I)	0.07(0.05)a	0.10(0.057)	—(—)	0.54(0.98)	—	0.54(0.98)
Sterling Tst (F)	—(—)	1.78(1.60)	5.59(4.93)	3.6(3.35)	—	5.3(4.65)
Steinberg Grp (I)	10.5(9.1)	0.24(0.09)	0.82(9.27)	0.32(0.32)	7/4	—(0.85)
Tharsis Sulpr (I)	—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	4.0(nil)	15/3	—(—)
Wms Hudson (I)	-62.01(37.67)	0.71(1.71)	3.4(8.2)	—(—)	—	—(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a for 12 months.

Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, chairman of Akroyd & Smithers, London's leading gilt-edged jobbing firm cast a long shadow over Government securities with a warning at the annual meeting that he is worried about prospects for "gilts" in the current year. "Much depends on what happens in the Budget and what happens to the money supply", he told shareholders.

And, with a broker's sell notice to underline his doubts on United Kingdom monetary control, as much as a full point was trimmed from many stocks at one point.

30pc leap to best-ever by Allied Textiles

By Michael Clark

Allied Textiles Companies turns in pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 up from £2.16m to a record £2.82m—beating the group's previous best in 1973 of £2.17m.

Turnover of this Hudders field-based group has increased from £23.68m to £30.69m pushing margins at the pre-tax level up from 9.12 per cent to 9.21 per cent. Earnings a share calculated before extraordinary items are 24p against 17.8p, while the final dividend is 5.9p, making the total for the year 9.8p gross compared with 8.78p.

Pre-tax profits were struck after payment of £215,000 to augment the group's pension plan. The board stresses, however, that this payment was made not because pension funding was in any way deficient, but significantly to strengthen the fund against the possible effects of future inflation. Extraordinary items include £39,000 against £162,000 attributable to mill closures and reorganization costs.

In his statement with the results, Mr Joseph Lumb, chairman, reports that ample financial resources remain available for re-equipment and the extension of ATC's activities and include cash and near cash balances of more than £1m.

At the half-way stage the group reported a rise in pre-tax profits of 77 per cent to £1.38m on the back of turnover up from £11.06m to £15.03m. The interim payment went up from 3.47p to 3.82p gross.

The chairman said at the time that the half-year's progress was well up to expectations. Besides being better than for the half-year last time round, it was also an improvement on the record earnings for the last half of 1975-76.

In the meantime, he adds, early reports of the new Multi-fibre Arrangements may mean that textiles are entering four years of lessened instability in international markets.

Brighter omens for Beaumont Props' one-for-four 'rights'

By Ray Maughan



Sir Cyril Black, chairman Beaumont Properties.

Beaumont Properties is asking shareholders for £1.87m on the basis of a one-for-four rights issue at 70p a share.

This is the first fund-raising issue of its kind in the property sector since Law Land failed with a one-for-four rights in July, 1975. Yet, whereas Law Land struggled to attract funds in a difficulty property market, the omens for Beaumont now look far brighter. For a start, the 24 per cent discount to the pitching price is deeper than average which, coupled with an above normal return of 8.4 per cent at 70p, has allowed the underwriting to proceed quite easily and several houses have asked for more than their allocation.

The group is recommending a final dividend of 2.3114p in the year to end-September last, which lifts the total to the maximum 3.4664p a share and completes a noteworthy nine years of successive dividend increases.

Pre-tax profits for the year climbed from £785,000 to £1.02m and, although the improvement takes in an exceptional bonus of £117,000 from the surplus arising on mortgage redemptions, income has yet to benefit from the impact of the major reversions which are expected to come through in the current period. The group calculates that reversionary income will boost pre-tax profits by £100,000 for each of the next five years.

The rights has been issued to provide Beaumont with readily available resources to take advantage of the opportunities which are beginning to present themselves for buying properties at favourable yields.

Peko-Wallsend in ne major uranium find

A new major uranium deposit appears to have been discovered in Australia's Northern Territory by Peko-Wallsend and E. Z. Industries, some 20 kilometres from their existing Ranger deposit.

The two companies have reported that exploratory drilling had indicated the present of "significant uranium mineralization". But they added that it was too early to assess the extent and important of the mineralization or calculate the ore reserves.

However, drilling results reported by the company show that there is great potential for a high-grade, open cast mine to be established. Ten holes were drilled, and eight intersected ore grade mineralization. In five of them the grade ranged from three pounds of U308 a ton to 17 pounds a ton. The intersections were made tween eight and 61 metres ground surface.

The highest result wa pounds a ton over eight from 32 metres under while a further 28 metres ing 8.5 pounds a ton wa covered from the same from the 61 metres level.

Closer to the surface augur hole recovered 35 grading four pounds a t eight metres below the s and 64 metres grading pounds a ton at the nine level.

The two companies sai holes were drilled in an 250 metres by 250 m Mineralization is indicated a distance of 200 metres a boundaries have not yet defined. A considerable n of holes have yet to be d Shares in Peko-Wallsend 10p to 405p yesterday.

Harrods in £2m sale to Rediffusion

By Tony May

House of Fraser, the Harrods stores group, is selling its television rental assets to Rediffusion in a £2m deal. It will continue to sell television sets through its department stores, but feels that strictly rental operations are best left to specialists like Rediffusion.

House of Fraser built up its rental activities in the course of various acquisitions starting with Dingle some years ago.

The rental business has become more and more dominated by a handful of specialists as the years have gone by, especially with the advent of colour. While House of Fraser could offer a wider range of sets, major rental companies could offer a seven-day-week back-up service and coud undercut on terms by concentrating on fewer makes. The £2m raised by the sale will be ploughed back into the retail operation.

For its part, Rediffusion will be adding nearly 19,000 rental contracts, over half of which are colour and 22 shops to its business.

The deal is in three parts. The first covers a number of rental contracts sold through Rackams in Leicester, Shrewsbury and Birmingham; Cavendish House in Cheltenham; Kendal Milne in Manchester and Chiesmans in Lewisham. The second covers the assets, including rural contracts, of Howard & Tregunna Group which trades as South West Rentals. The third is the assets of Goorwitch trading as Savills in Belfast.

Hill & Smith again gives scrip as £1m in sight

By Ashley Druker

Never having looked back since going public in 1969, Hill & Smith, West Midland steel stockholder and maker of M-way crash barriers, turns in another strong performance for the year to end-September last. On turnover increased from £10.9m to £12.7m, profit after all charges advanced nearly 12 per cent to £932,000—and a first-time £1m-plus appears in view for the new year. Earnings a share are lifted from an adjusted 16.96p to 18.94p on which the total gross dividend is up from the equivalent of 2.99p to 3.32p. There is no tax charge for the latest year as full liability will be expunged by stock appreciation relief and accelerated capital allowances.

Again also, it proposes a for-10 scrip issue.

Meanwhile the cha looks to further progress present term, which a latest rate of growth bring a first-time £1m— cry from the £58,000 rep in 1969.

Internal accounts for the quarter of 1977-78 sh "satisfactory" performan being maintained throu all sectors in the group might be expected, barriers with the asso contracting operations ar being affected by "very cult" trading conditions. overall progress will be tained with the proviso there is no deteriorati present general level demand.

Prov Laundries may bid for D M Lancaster

Agreement in principle has been reached for Provincial Laundries to buy the D. M. Lancaster textile group. It plans to offer five o fits shares for every nine Lancaster. This values each Lancaster share at 3.88p—against 4p in the market—and the whole equity at £157,000.

The two boards have been having talks aimed at a merger but Provincial has made it clear that it will only bid if the Lancaster board backs the offer. Together with associates it controls 40 per cent of the group.

New capital issues dropped last month

Net new capital issues in the United Kingdom dropped to only £22.7m in January, according to figures published by the Bank of England. After allowing for small net redemptions by overseas borrowers, the £22.9m raised by domestic borrowers split as follows: local authorities and public corporations, £5.8m; listed public companies £17.1m. Of the company borrowing, ordinary share issues accounted for £11.7m and preference share issues £4.5m.

H & C offer goes unconditional

Harrisons & Crosfield has announced that holders of 73 per cent of Malayalam have accepted its 30p a share or one-for-eleven share offer and that the offer has gone unconditional. Along with the holdings of H & C and its subsidiaries, acceptances amount to 87.8 per cent of the shares.

McLeod Russel, which sparked off the battle for part of the H & C empire by making an abortive bid for Malayalam, had already conceded its 32 per cent holding in Malayalam. Holders of 7.2 per cent of Malayalam's shares have taken the cash alternative.

Williams Hudson is low in the water

Williams Hudson, the debt-ridden shipping group with an assortment of interests, all but disappeared into Mr David Rowland's Argo Group a year ago when most shareholders grumbled but accepted his 25p a share bid. They were wise to do so, apart from avoiding the pains of being minority shareholders. In the half-year to September 30 pre-tax profits dived from £1.72m to £711,000, helped on their way down by the absence this time of ship sale profits worth £2.44m last time. The few ordinary shares still around are still quoted at 24p in a wide spread.

Rowntree Eurobond raised £3m to £18m

A ten-year Eurobond issue of Rowntree Mackintosh International Finance BV, bearing 10.25 per cent annually to yield 10.21 per cent at maturity, has been priced above par at 100.25 after the amount had been raised by £3m to £18m. Due on February 15, 1988, the bonds are guaranteed by Rowntree Mackintosh and were sold through a syndicate.

Briefly

Joint venture by Letraset and Gillette

Letraset International' forts to diversify its ar ducts' business into toy consumer products is to a boost from a link-up Gillette, the razors and " mate" pens group. Foll the success of a pilot sch Italy, the two are launc world-wide marketing s for Letraset's transfer products.

At the same time Letra taking over a small Italian pany which markets transfers through Gillette Joint venture is expecte double Letraset's toys an sumer business, which act ar present for about 5 per of sales. Last year those £28.7m.

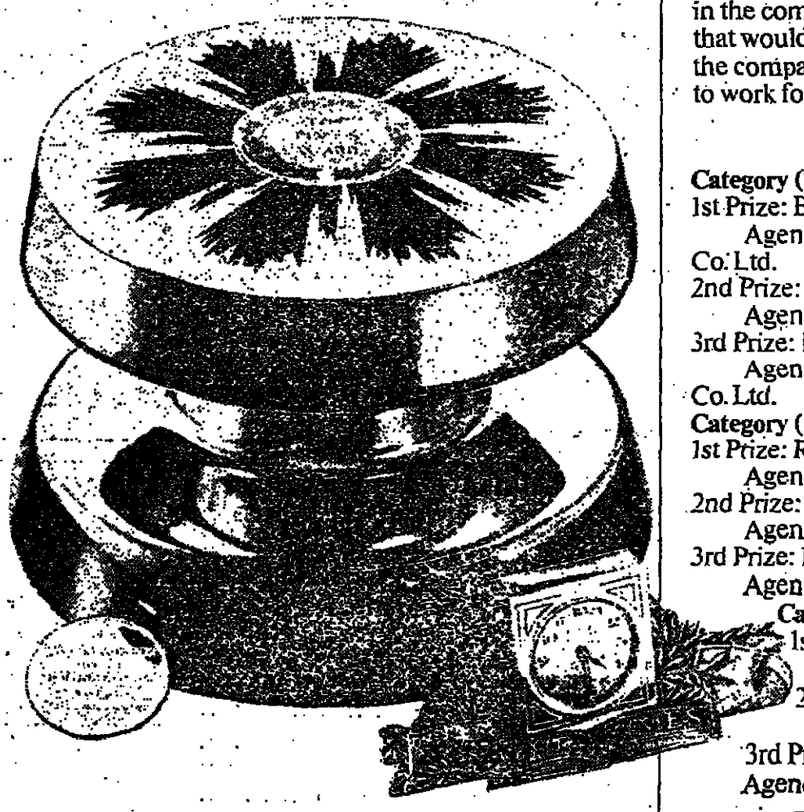
SELUKWE GOLD
Pre-tax profits for six to September 30, £ (£58,000). Group states t tions are advanced for gr make major acquisition in certain opencast coal interests.

ROWNTREE MACKINTOSH
Ten-year Eurobond iss Rowntree baring 10.25 pe annually to yield 10.21 pe has bee npriced above 100.25 after amount had raised by £3m to £18m.

ALEXANDER HOWDEN
Group has now con acquisition of Southeastern don Underwriters of Atlant for $12m.

The Times Awards Results 1977.

The winning entries for the Times Awards were those advertisements which, in the opinion of the judges, would leave the reader with the impression that the company would be a good one to do business with, to work for, or in which to invest. The advertisements were judged in terms of good use of typography, design and copy to convey the relevant information.



The panel of judges had great difficulty in choosing the winners as the standard of the entries again surpassed that of the previous year.

Once more we should like to thank all those who took part in 1977, and look forward to receiving a comparable number of entries, covering the whole field of this specialised form of communication during the coming year.

The Grand Prix.

The Times is pleased to announce that the winner of the 1977 Grand Prix is:-
C. E. Heath & Co. Ltd.
Agency: Walter Judd Ltd.

Their entry was judged to be the advertisement that best conveyed, by way of typography, design and copy, information relevant to shareholders, professional advisers, prospective investors and all concerned in the company's well being; in short, an advertisement that would leave the reader with the impression that the company would be a good one to do business with, to work for, or in which to invest.

Category Winners.

Category (1a) *(Colour or mono. Half page and above).*
1st Prize: B.A.T. Industries Ltd.
Agency: St. James Advertising & Publishing Co. Ltd.
2nd Prize: Unilever Ltd.
Agency: Charles Barker City Ltd.
3rd Prize: Babcock & Wilcox Ltd.
Agency: St. James Advertising & Publishing Co. Ltd.
Category (1b) *(Colour or mono. Less than half a page).*
1st Prize: Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd.
Agency: Streets Financial Ltd.
2nd Prize: Marks & Spencer
Agency: John Haddon & Co. Ltd.
3rd Prize: Pilkington Brothers Ltd.
Agency: Charles Barker City Ltd.
Category (2) *(Interim or Preliminary Figures. All sizes Colour or mono).*
1st Prize: J. Sainsbury Ltd.
Agency: Streets Financial Ltd.
2nd Prize: C. T. Bowring & Co. Ltd.
Agency: Walter Judd Ltd.
3rd Prize: Reckitt & Colman Ltd.
Agency: Dewe Rogerson Ltd.

Discretionary Awards.

Judges' Special Award
A special Award for the most novel, inventive and original entry to:
De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd.
Agency: Charles Barker City Ltd.
Overseas Company Award
Creditanstalt-Bankverein.
Agency: Charles Barker City Ltd.
Small Advertisement *(30ems x 4 cols or less)*
Croda International Ltd.
Agency: Walter Judd Ltd.

THE TIMES

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RKET REPORTS

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Under continued liquidation ...bars lost £7.75 and three ...s £8.25 down... Afternoon: ...bars, £5619.50-20.50; prompt ...e months, £632.50-33.50. ...279 tons. Cash cathodes, three months, £603-23.50. ...tons. Morning: Cash wire ...16; three months, £638.50-...mercial, £616. Sales, 21,700 ...cathodes, £605-606; three ...618-19. Settlement, £606. ...0 tons. ...at about 3p in the ring. ...rket (fixing levels)—Spot, ...grey ounce (United States ...ent, 493.7); three months, ...01.7c); six months, 261.2p ...one year, 271.8p (551.6c). ...ial Exchange—Afternoon— ...-month tin, Sales: 87 lots of 10,000 ...each. Morning—Cash, three months, £56.4-56.5p. ...253.2p. Sales, 105 lots. ...very steady—Afternoon.— ...ash, £5,205-10. Settlement, ...grade cash, £5,340-50; ...£5,210-25. Sales, nil; ...standard cash, £5,315-20; ...a, £5,170-80. Settlement, ...lots, 900 tons. High grade, ...(20) three months, £5,175. Settlement, £5,320. Sales, ...Singapore tin ex-works, ...piculs. ...ts and three months both ...— Afternoon, — Cash, ...50 per metric ton: three ...(2,750-13.50). Sales, 1,500 ...orning—Cash, £500-05 (no ...s, £510.50-11.00. Settle- ...30. Sales, 6,250 tons. ...ash lost £3.50 and three ...2.75.—Afternoon—Cash, ...50 a metric ton: three ...50-61.00. Sales, 300 tons. ...ash, £544.50-55. Three ...49-49.50. Settlement, £545. ...0 tons. All afternoon prices ...ial. ...was at £110.25 ($215)

...as easier (pence per kilo): ...35.60-36.30; April, 35.70-...May, 36.75-36.80; July, ...35-35.80; Oct-Dec, 50.10-...March, 51.65-51.75; April-...55-55.55; July-Sept, 54.85-...Oct-Dec, 56.40-56.50. Sales: ...tonnes: 239 at 15.

PHYSICALS were easier.— ...47.75. Cifs, March, 47.25-...47.50-48.00.

Robustas were steadier; ...ere steady.

...($ per metric tonne).— ...85-1,790; May, 1,628-1,650; ...1,547-1,571; Sept, 1,455-1,497; ...1,342; Jan, 1,350-1,425; ...15-1,405. Sales: 2,694 lots ...4 options.

...($ per 50 kilos).—April, ...June, 190.55-90.60; ...70-79.00; Oct, 167-67.75; ...55; Feb, 149.25-49.50. ...lots.

...was very steady.—March, ...per metric ton: May, $1,476-...$1,416-51; Sept, $1,435-...1,405-10; March, $1,390-95.

Malaysia talks Australia

Lumpur, Feb 2.— and Malaysian officials talks today on the ...ver the price of sugar ...contracted to buy from ...in a long-term agree-

the second round of first were called off last ...hen Malaysia made a ...oposal to the Australian seven per cent conces- ...e contracted $A322 per

...alaysian proposal sug- ...rice of $A240 per tonne ...all premium.

...views on ...l options

McGaw, joint manag- ...or of the International ...Clearing House, told ...seminar organized by ...lysis yesterday that the ...ites Commodity Futures ...Commission (CFTC) ...ow London commodity ...ions to be sold in ...once United States ...mmodity options have ...ted.

...the CFTC announced ...n to suspend trading ...and dealer options in ...States.

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Nightingale & Co. Limited
Leadenhall Street London EC3R 5HP Tel. 01-626 3531
The Over-the-Counter Market

Company	Last Price	Chg'e	Gross Div'd	Yld %	P/E
Airsprung Ord	41	—	4.2	10.3	7.6
Airsprung 18½% CULS	139	—	18.4	13.0	—
Armitage & Rhodes	38	—	3.3	8.7	16.2
Bardon Hill	146	—	12.0	8.2	10.0
Deborah Ord	103	—	5.1	5.0	8.3
Deborah 17½% CULS	213	—	17.5	8.2	—
Frederick Parker	136	—	11.5	8.5	6.6
Jackson Group	51	—	5.0	9.8	6.0
James Burrough	109	—	6.0	5.5	10.0
Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
Twinlock Ord	16½	—	—	—	—
Twinlock 12% ULS	82	+2	12.0	14.6	—
Unilock Holdings	77	—	7.0	9.1	9.6
Walter Alexander	90xd	—	6.4	7.1	6.6

HILLARDS

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s for the 28 weeks to 12 November 1977 sharply increased competition which has hroughout the retail sector and the overall consumer spending. Progress is being made elopment of new stores. The new superstore opened in November, and building work has ...ckleover, on the outskirts of Derby.

...RDON HUNTER, Chairman

...tes 43 supermarkets and stores in the north and midlands.

...end of 1.00 pence per share will be paid on 22 March 1978.

...LLARDS LIMITED

...e, Gomersal, Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¼ 1984	94½	95½
Australia 8¼ 1992	93	94
Asst Mining 7½ 1992	98	99
Alco 7¼ 1983	100½	101½
Barclays 8½ 1988	99½	100½
Bowater 8½ 1992	96½	97½
British Gas 9 1981	101½	102½
Citicorp 6¼ 1980	96½	97½
Citicorp 7 1981	96½	97½
CECA 8½ 1988	96½	97½
CECA 8½ 1992	96½	97½
DSM 8½ 1987	96½	97½
Cie Aquitaine 8½ 1985	96½	97½
Cin 8¼ 1987	97	97½
ELC 7½ 1984	96½	97½
Fiona 8½ 1992	94½	95½
Gulbenkien 7½ 1982	98	98½
Genstar 8½ 1987	93½	95½
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	98½	99½
ICI 8½ 1987	96½	97½
IC Ontario 8½ 1987	96½	97½
Light-Services 9 1988	97½	98½
Montreal Island 9 1992	97½	98½
National Int 8½ 1992	96½	97½
NCB 8 1987	93½	95½
Nat West 8 1986	101½	102½
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1991	95	95½
Nippon Telegraph 8 1981	98½	99½
Occidental Pet 7½ 1987	97½	98½
Occidental 7½ 1992	96½	97½
Offshore Mining 8½ 1992	96½	97½
Quebec 9 1980	98½	99½
Bank Hovis 9 1992	94½	95½
R. J. Reynolds 7¼ 1982	98½	99½
Sandvik 8½ 1986	99½	100½
Slalafcrip 7½ 1982	97½	98½
Sundstrand 8½ 1987	96½	97½
Sweden 7½ 1982	97½	98½
Sydsen 8½ 1987	96½	97½
Tasmania Finance 8½ 1992	96½	97½
Walter Kidde 8¼ 1985	96½	97½

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Andelsbanken 7 11-16 1984	99½	99¾
CCF 6½ 1987	99½	99¾
Dai-Ichi 7 1982	99½	99¾
Ditta 7 11-16 1982	99½	99¾
LTCB 6½ 1982	99½	99¾
OKB 6½ 1983	99½	100¼
Soc Gen 7 9-16 1988	98½	98¾

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Ford 8¼ 1982	97½	98½
Ford 8¼ 1981	97½	98½
British Columbia Hydro 9 1987	98½	99½
Bank of Montreal 8¼ 1982	98½	99½
Royal Bank 8¼ 1982	98½	99½
Toronto Dominion 8¼ 1982	98½	99½
Walter Heller 8¼ 1983	98½	99½

DEUTSCHE MARKS

	Bid	Offer
CFP 6¼ 1984	103	103½
ICI 6¼ 1987	105	105½
New Zealand 6¼ 1981	105½	106
Phyra 6¼ 1988	101½	102
Quebec Hydro 6¼ 1987	101½	102½
American Express 4¼ 1987	79½	82½
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	94	96
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	106	108
Beecham 6¼ 1992	97½	98½
Borden 6¼ 1991	97½	98½
Carnation 6¼ 1988	97½	98½
Chevron 5 1988	116½	118½
Eastman Kodak 3¼ 1986	81½	83½
Fairchild Camera 5¼ 1987	70½	81½
Ford 5 1988	81½	83½
Ford 6 1986	93	93½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	81	83
Gillette 4¼ 1987	77½	79½
Gould 5 1987	113	114
Gulf & Western 5 1988	78	80
Honeywell 6 1986	83½	86½
ICI 5¼ 1987	85½	86½
INA 6 1987	93½	94½
Inchcape 6½ 1992	103	104
ITT 4¼ 1987	75½	77½
J. Ray McDermott 4¼ 1987	148½	150½
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	115	116
J. P. Morgan 4½ 1987	80½	82½
National Int 8½ 1992	96½	97½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	75½	77½
Revlon 4½ 1987	107	109
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	84½	86½
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	81½	83½
Squibb 4½ 1987	77½	79½
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	120½	122
Texaco 4½ 1988	77½	79½
Union Bank of Switz 4½ 1987	134	140
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	75½	81½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	79

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Cardiff City 11½ Rd 1986 (£100)	100½
Exchequer 10½% 1995 (1995)	£97½
Farmers & W. 25p Ord (1981)	125
Hampton Reg Cncl 16½% 1985 (1991)	£90
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	65
Mid Kent, Wr Ex 7½ 1982 'A'	£101½
Spken (Hugo) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10½% 1999 (£95b)	£93½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Cont Enk Aust (A$1.75k)	Mar 10	40 prem+2
L R C Int (10p)		20½
Manch Garages (25)		6½ prem+2
Midland Bank (£25)		15 prem-2
Nat Bk of Aust (A$1.75)	Mar 3	46 prem-1
Neil J. (84p)	Mar 10	4 prem-2
Preedy A. (10p)	Mar 3	82

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £80 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

Wall Street

New York, Feb 2.—The New York stock market closed mostly higher today and well below its best levels of the session.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 1.04 points at 775.38 and was ahead about four points at its high.

Some 880 issues gained with about 505 lower. Gainers led by 3-to-1 in early trading. Volume was 23,050,000 shares, up from 22,240,000 shares yesterday.

The market was retreating late in the session with brokers reporting that investors were fearful of a new jump in the money supply.

They say investors worry that another increase in the supply would lead to a new credit policy tightening by the Federal Reserve

Silver falls 7.20 cents

New York, Feb 2.—COMEX SILVER futures settled at a new low for the move of 7.20 US cents, March on current mission house liquidation prompted by disappointment at the gold market's reaction to the IMF gold auction. Final losses ranged from 7.20 to 5.70 cents.

Silver: Feb 486.60c: March 489.50c: April 492.50c: May 496.50c: July 503.70c: Sept 511.00c: Dec 522.30c; Jan 526.90c. Sales, March 555.60c: May 541.20c: July 548.90c: Sept 656.60c; Dec 568.20c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can$5.13 (previous Can$5.493).

GOLD.—On the Comex prices were off $1.50 to $2.20. Prices on the IMM were off $1.80 to $2.50. NY Comex: Feb, $174.00: March, $176.00: April, $176.20: June, $178.60: Aug, $181.10: Oct, $183.60: Dec, $186.10. Feb, $186.70: April, $191.60: June, $194.50: Aug, $197.60: Oct, $200.60: Dec, $203.70. CHICAGO IMM: March, $175.60-74.80: June, $178.90-178.50: Sept, $182.50 asked-182.00: Dec, $186.20 bid: March, $190.50 bid: June, $194.20: Sept, $198.80 asked: Dec, $202.50.

SUGAR.—Futures in No. 11 contract were: March 9.21-22c; May 9.56-58c; July, 9.69-70c; Sept, 9.90c; Oct, 9.97-98c; Jan, 10.15-0.35c; March, 10.56-0.56c; May, 10.76-0.78c; July, 10.94-0.98c

COTTON.—Futures were: March, 65.75-80c; May 56.90-65c; July 57.90-95c; Oct, 58.95c; Dec, 59.30-35c; March, 60.00-40c; May, 60.30-100; July, 60.80-150c.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract closed 1.50 to 4.00 cents higher. March, 191.75c; May, 171.25c; July, 158.00-30c; Sept, 151.50-200c; Dec, 132.25c bid; March, 139.00-75c; May, unquoted; July, unquoted.

COCOA Futures were: March, 155.90c: May, 125.40c; July, 121.00c; Sept, 115.40c; Dec, 115.50c; March, 113.20c; May, 111.60c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS: Meal futures closed higher. Final prices were up $1.50 to $3.50. Oil prices finished 0.08 cent a lb lower to 0.05 cent higher. SOYABEANS, March, 572.71c; May, 576.79c; July, 584½; Aug, 586-86.5; Sept, 577c; Nov, 577c; Jan, 584c; March, 591c. SOYABEAN OIL, March, 20.70-75c; May, 20.55-52c; July, 20.50-85c; Aug, 20.40c; Sept, 19.87-90c; Oct, 19.60c; Dec, 19.55-50c; Jan, 19.35.00c; March, 19.25-55c. SOYABEAN MEAL, March, $151.70; May, $155.70; July, $158.00; Aug, $159; Sept, $160.50; Oct, $160.50-160.60; Dec, $161.50; Jan, $162.00-2.50; March, $164.00-4.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—March, May, £1.380-81. Sales, 3,142 lots including 10 options. ICCO prices: daily, 128.62c: 15-day average, 132.80c: 25-day average, 134.84c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were easy. The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £111; the "whites" price was $3.40 higher at £118.50.—March, £118.10-19.10; per metric ton: May, £121.40-21.50; Aug, $123.60-24.50; Oct, $125.85-26.00; Dec, £127.95-128.00; March, £131.60-32.00; May, £134-34.75. Sales: 3,857 lots. ISA prices: 8.81c; 15-day average 8.84c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.— Feb, £106-07; April, £103.50-05.70; June, £106.50-08.50; Aug, £104.50-04.70; Oct, £104.60-05 bid; Dec, £106-05.20; Feb, £105-07. 75 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady (pence per kilo).—March, 233-34.0; May, 235-35; July, 237-38; Oct, 239-40; Dec, 240-42; March, 243-45; May, 245-47; July-49. Sales: nil.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, afloat, $240 per long ton. "D" grade, a float, $227. Calcutta was steady.—Indian spot, Rs560 per bale. Gunny bags, 10 lbs. under Tossa Four, spot, Rs 560.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Feb and March CAD Tilbury, US dark northern spring No 1, 14 per cent: Feb £83; March £81.75 trans-shipment east coast sellers.

MAIZE.—No. 3 yellow American/French: Feb £98; March £99; April £100.75 trans-shipment east coast sellers, Kenya grade 3: March £70 nominal, South Africa yellow: March £97.75, quoted.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (GAFTA).

EEC origin.—BARLEY was easy: March £73.10; May £75.50; Sept £78.90; Nov £81.25; Jan £83.60. WHEAT was easy: March £84.70; May £86.55; Sept £81.45; Nov £85.80; Jan £88.20. Sales, 106 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices —

	Other milling	Feed	Feed
	WHEAT	WHEAT	WHEAT
S Lincs	£90.80	£89.70	£83.70
Wilts	—	£78.90	£70.90

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fat-stock prices at representative markets on February 2: GB: Cattle, 65.82 per kilo (+1.52). GB: Sheep, 134.50 per kg/deadweight (no change). GB: Pigs, 79.80 per kg/lw (−0.1). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 4.1 per cent, average price 64.10p (+1.66). Sheep numbers down 14.8 per cent, average price 130.8p (no change). Pig numbers down 9.2 per cent, average price 80.5p (−0.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 11.8 per cent, average price 63.13p (+1.28).

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9540-1.9485; three months, 1.9627-1.9560; Canadian dollar, 90.2-90.05. The Dow Jones 'spot' commodity index was 348.70. The futures index was 331.83.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 775.38 (774.34); transportation, 212.65 (211.31); utilities, 105.38 (105.24). 65 stocks, 273.37 (273.05). New York Stock Exchange index, 49.92 (49.79); industrials, 55.58 (55.43); transportation, 54.35 (54.31); utilities, 38.98 (38.81); financial, 50.87 (50.65).

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	10¾
Alcan Aluminium	26⅜
Algoma Steel	15⅝
Bell Telephone	23¾
Comlnco	27¾
Dome Petroleum	5
Falconbridge	17¾
Gulf Oil	29⅜
Hawker/Sid Can	5.85
Hudson Bay Min	18½
Hudson Bay Oil	43¾
Imasco	23½
Imperial Oil	19¼
Inco	19¾
Massey-Ferguson	13¼
Royal Trust	16⅝
Seagram	22¾
Steel Co	29¾
Talcorp	8¾
Thomson N 'A'	13½
Walker Hiram	28⅝
Zenith	13¼

	Feb 2	Feb 1
Allied Chem	37¾	37¾
Allied Stores	19¾	19¾
Allied Supermkt	2¾	2¾
Allis Chalmers	7¼	7¼
Alcoa	30½	30½
Amax Inc	25¾	25¾
Amerada Hess	25½	25½
Am Airlines	10¾	10¾
Am Brands	43½	43½
Am Broadcast	25¾	25¾
Am Can	30½	30½
Am Cyanamid	20¾	20¾
Am Elec Power	25¾	25¾
Am Hosp	25½	25½
Am Motors	4¼	4¼
Am Nat Res	41	41
Am Standard	35	34¾
Am Telephone	61½	61½
AMF Inc	17	16¾
Armco Steel	29¾	29¾
Ashland Oil	28¾	28¾
Allanic Richfield	46¾	46¾
Avco	17¾	17¾
Avon Products	45¾	45¾
Babcock & Wcox	17¾	17¾
Bankers Tst NY	35	35
Bank of America	22	21⅞
Bank of NY	30¼	30¼
Beatrice Foods	22¾	22¾
Bell & Howell	14¾	14¾
Bendix	33¾	33¾
Bethlehem Steel	23¾	23¾
Boeing	27¾	28¼
Boise Cascade	24¾	24¾
Borden	28¾	28¾
Bnce Warner	15¾	15¾
Bristol Myers	32¾	32¾
BP	15	15⅛
Budd	15¾	15¾
Burlington Ind	22¾	22¾
Burlington Nthn	43¾	43¾
Burroughs	65	66¼
Campbell Soup	32¾	32¾
Canadian Pacific	15	15
Caterpillar	50¾	50¾
Celanese	38¾	38¾
Central Soya	13¾	13¾
Chartcr Sq NY	27¾	27¾
Chase Manhat	28¾	28¾
Chem Bank NY	40	39½
Chesapeake Ohio	35¾	33¾
Chrysler	7¾	7¾
Citicorp	20¾	20¾
Cities Service	47¾	47¾
Clark Equip	31½	31½
Coca Cola	36¾	36¾
Colgate	20	20
CBS	46¾	46¾
Columbia Gas	28	28
Combustion Eng	34¾	34¾
Comwlth Edison	27¾	27¾
Cons Edison	23	23
Cons Foods	24¾	24¾
Cons Power	7	6¾
Continental Grp	31½	31½
Continental Oil	27¾	28¼
Control Data	25¾	25¾
Corning Glass	45¾	45¾
CPC Intnl	45¾	45¾
Crane	28¾	28¾
Crocker Int	24¾	24¾
Crown Zeller	31	31¼
Dart Ind	36	36
Deere	24	24½
Del Monte	23	23¼
Delta Air	38	38½
Detroit Edison	16½	16½
Dow	33½	33½
Dow Chemical	25	25¾
Dresser Ind	40	40¼
Duke Power	21¾	21¾
Du Pont	105½	105¾
Eastern Air	7¼	7¼
Eastman Kodak	45¾	46
Eaton Corp	33¾	34¼
El Paso Nat Gas	15¾	15¾
Equitable Life	24¾	24¾
Exxon	37	37¼
Firest P. D.	14¾	14¾
Exxon Corp	46¾	46½
Fed Dept Stores	36¾	36
Firestone	15	15
1st Chicago	17¾	17¾
1st Nat Boston	25¾	25¾
Fluor	24¾	24¾
Ford Motor	36¾	36¾
Foremost	16	16
Fst Penn Corp	16	16¼
Ford	41¾	42
GAF Corp	13¾	13¾
Gambir Skogmo	27¾	27¾
Gen Dynamics	41¾	41¾
Gen Electric	38¾	38¾
Gen Foods	30	30¼
Gen Mills	34¾	34¾
Gen Motors	58¾	59
Gen Pub Util NY	9	9
Gen Tel Elec	28¾	28¾
Gen Tire	22¾	24
Genesco	24	24
Georgia Pacific	25¾	25¾
Getty Oil	161½	159
Gillette	2	2
Goodrich	18¾	18¾
Goodyear	19¾	19¾
Gould Inc	29	28¾
Grace	20¾	20¾
Gt Atlan & Pacific	7¾	7¾
Greyhound	12¾	12¾
Grumman Corp	15¾	15¾
Gulf Oil	25¾	24¾
Gulf & West	11¾	11¾
Heinz J.	29¾	29¾
Hercules	15	15
Honeywell	44¾	44¾
Houston Ind	25¾	25¾
Ingersoll	28	28¾
Inland Steel	36¾	36¾
IBM	282½	283½
Int Harvester	23¾	23½
IMCO	11	11
Int Paper	39¾	39¾
Int Tel Tel	25¾	25¾
Jewel Co	19¾	19¾
Jim Walter	28¾	28¾
Johns-Manville	28¾	28¾
Johnson & John	70¾	70¾
Kaiser Alumin	23¾	23¾
Kennecott	25¾	25¾
Kerr McGee	44¾	44¾
Kimberly Clark	45¾	45¾
Kraftco Corp	24¾	24¾
K Mart	25¾	24¾
Kroger	25¾	25¾
Ligget Group	28¾	28¾
Litton	14¾	14¾
Lockheed	13¾	13¾
Lucky Stores	13¾	13¾
Manuf Hanover	36	36
Marathon	47	47
Marine Midland	14¾	14¾
Martin Marietta	24¾	24¾
McDonnell	24¾	24¾
Mead	20¾	20¾
Merck	55¾	55¾
Minnesota Mng	47¾	47¾
Mobil Oil	27¾	27¾
Monsanto	50¾	51¾
Morgan J. P.	41¾	41¾
Motorola	37¾	37¾
NCR Corp	40¾	41¼
NL Industries	16¾	16¾
Nabisco	48¾	49
Nat Distillers	21¾	21¾
Nat Gypsum	21¾	21¾
Norfolk West	23¾	23¾
NW Bancorp	23¾	23¾
Norton Simon	15¾	15¾
Occidental Pet	21¾	21¾
Ogden	23¾	23¾
Olin Corp	15¾	15
Owens-Illinois	30¾	31
Pacific Gas Elec	23¾	23¾
Penney J. C.	33¾	33¾
Pennzoil	29¾	29¾
Peoples	25¾	25¾
Pet Inc	18¾	18¾
Pfizer	26	27¾
Phelps Dodge	19¾	19¾
Phillip Morris	33	33¾
Phillips Petrol	29¾	29¾
Polaroid	25¾	25¾
PPG Ind	24¾	24½
Procter Gamble	22¾	22¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	22¾	22¾
Pullman	24¾	24¾
Rapid American	5¾	5¾
Raytheon	31	30¾
RCA Corp	24¾	24¾
Republic Steel	24	24¾
Reynolds Ind	35¾	35¾
Reynolds Metal	25¾	25¾
Rockwell Int	29¾	29¾
Royal Dutch	56	56
Safeway	38¾	38¾
St Regis Paper	29¾	29¾
Santa Fe Ind	35¾	35¾
SCM	17¾	16¾
Schlumberger	68	68
Scott Paper	14	13¾
Seaboard Coast	34¾	34¾
Seagram	21¾	20¾
Sears Roebuck	29¾	29¾
Shell Oil	28¾	28¾
Shell Trans	37¾	37¾
Signal Co	29	28¾
Singer	19¾	19¾
Sony	7¾	7¾
Sth Cal Edison	26	25¾
Southern Pacific	35¾	35¾
Southn Ry	49¾	47¾
Sperry Rand	33¾	34
Squibb	24¾	25¼
Std Brands	25¾	25¾
Std Oil Califnia	36¾	36¾
Std Oil Indiana	46¾	45¾
Std Oil Ohio	68¾	67¾
Sterling Drug	14¾	14¾
Stevens J. P.	15	15
Stude Worth	46¾	46
Sunbeam Corp	19¾	19¾
Sun Comp	34¾	34¾
Sundstrand	32¾	31½
Teledyne	67	67¾
Tenneco	29¾	29¾
Texaco	25	25
Texas East Trans	36½	35¾
Texas Inst	74	74
Texas Utilities	19½	20
Textron	24¾	24¾
TWA	11¾	11¾
Travelers Corp	27	26¾
TRW Inc	30¾	30¼
UAL Inc	25	25
Unilever Ltd	54¾	42½
Unilever NV	54¾	42½
Union Bancorp	13	13¾
Union Carbide	30¾	27¾
Union Oil Calif	48¾	48¾
Un Pacific Corp	44	43¾
Unirayal	7¾	7¾
United Brands	7¾	7¾
US Industries	7¾	7¾
US Steel	28	28¼
Utd Technol	35	34¾
Utd Telecom	16¾	16¾
Warner Comm	21¾	21¾
Warner Lambert	27¾	27¾
Wells Fargo	26¾	26¾
West'n Bancorp	18¾	18¾
Westinghse Elec	18¾	17¾
Weyerhaeuser	24	23¾
Whirlpool	21	20¾
White Motor	7	6¾
Woolworth	18¾	18¾
Xerox Corp	45¾	45¾
Zenith	13¾	13½

Lead and zinc data

The International Lead and Zinc Study Group of London has taken over from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development the collection and publications of lead and zinc statistics as from January.

Foreign Exchange

Sterling held steady throughout a moderately active trading session on foreign exchanges yesterday. At the close the pound showed a 10 point gain at $1.9495. The effective exchange index ended at its highest-ever level since it was calculated in its new form in March, 1977, closing at 66.7 compared with 66.5 at Wednesday's close. But dealers stressed that the advance was influenced greatly by the sharp decline in the French franc.

Worries about the outcome of the pending French election continued to hit the French franc which dipped to 4.8750 compared with 4.7725 overnight, prompting some very appreciable Bank of France intervention. The dollar, after opening firmer, reacted in later trading to finish lower against most other major currencies. Deutschmarks hardened at 2.1090 (2.1140) along with Swiss francs 1.9760 (1.9845). The yen, however, lost some ground to the dollar at 241.80 from 241.60.

Gold lost $1.50 to close in London at $174.62½ an ounce.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½% (Last changed 6.12.78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 6 Low 5¾
Week Fixed, 6-5¾

Treasury Bills: Disc%

Buying	Selling
2 months 5⅞	2 months 5¹³⁄₁₆
3 months 5¾	3 months 5¾

Prime Bank Bills: Disc% (Trades: Disc%)

2 months 6⅛-6	3 months 6
3 months 6¼-6⅛	4 months 6
4 months 6⅜-6¼	6 months 6

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 6¼-6⅛	7 months 6⅜-6¼
2 months 6¼-6⅛	8 months 6⅜-6¼
3 months 6¼-6⅛	9 months 6⅜-6¼
4 months 6¼-6⅛	10 months 6⅜-6¼
5 months 6¼-6⅛	11 months 6⅜-6¼
6 months 6¼-6⅛	12 months 6⅜-6¼

Secondary Mkt. LCD Rates (%)

1 month 6¼-6⅛	6 months 6⅜-6¼
3 months 6¼-6⅛	12 months 6⅜-6¼

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days 6¼-6⅛	3 months 6¼
7 days 6¼-6⅛	6 months 6¼
1 month 6¼	1 year 6⅜

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6-5¾	Close 5¾
1 week 6¼-6⅛	6 months 6¼-6⅛
1 month 6¼-6⅛	9 months 6⅜-6¼
3 months 6¼-6⅛	12 months 6⅜-6¼

First Class Finance Houses (3Ml. Rate%)
3 months 7 6 months 7⅛

Finance House Base Rate 7%

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.05-.15c disc	.24-.34c disc
Montreal	.05-.15c disc	.20-.30c disc
Amsterdam	½c prem-par	2½-1½c prem
Brussels	par-10c disc	10-20c disc
Copenhagen	7½-9½ore disc	24¼-26¼ore disc
Frankfurt	1⅝-1¾pf prem	4¼-3¾pf prem
Lisbon	85-115c disc	430-440c disc
Madrid	60-140c disc	360-370c disc
Milan	11-15lir disc	38-46lir disc
Oslo	4½-6½ore disc	17¼-19¼ore disc
Paris

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Stock Exchange Prices

Foods still suffer

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 30. Dealings End, Feb 10. § Contango Day, Feb 13. Settlement Day, Feb 21

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101 11/16	95 1/2	Treas 9% 1978	100 11/32	-1/32	8.969	5.702
104 5/16	97 7/8	Treas 10½% 1978	102 5/16	..	10.263	3.106
100 7/8	90 27/32	Exch 5% 1976-78	99 5/8	..	5.019	5.565
107	95 1/4	Treas 11¼% 1979	104 11/32	-1/32	10.996	7.047
97 1/4	84 15/16	Treas 3% 1979	95	-1/8	3.158	6.311
95 1/4	85	Elec 4¼% 1974-79	96 1/4	-1/8	4.422	6.786
106 29/32	92 1/2	Treas 10½% 1979	103 29/32	-1/32	10.148	8.294
97 1/2	84 1/4	Elec 3½% 1976-79	95	-1/8	3.664	6.529
106 1/4	87 15/16	Treas Cnv 9¼% 1980	101 1/8	-1/8	8.886	8.403
105 3/4	86 1/2	Treas 9½% 1980	101 1/2	-1/8	9.361	8.764
98	83 1/4	Treas 3½% 1977-80	93 1/4	-1/8	3.733	6.403
98 1/4	83 1/4	Fund 5¼% 1978-80	94 1/2	-1/8	5.549	7.793
112 3/4	96 1/2	Exch 13½% 1980	107 1/16	-1/8	12.044	8.682
108 3/4	92 1/2	Treas 11½% 1981	104 1/2	-1/8	11.007	9.897
94 3/4	77 21/32	Treas 3½% 1979-81	90 1/4	-1/8	3.857	6.944
104	86 11/16	Treas 9¾% 1981	100 1/4	-1/8	9.744	9.722
97 5/16	95 3/4	Exch 8¼% 1981	96	-1/16	8.595	8.674
110 1/4	97 1/2	Exch 9¾% 1981	99 1/4	-1/8	9.342	9.881
92 1/4	87 1/16	Exch 3% 1981	87 3/4	..	3.429	6.972
113 3/4	96 1/4	Exch 12¾% 1981	108 1/2	-1/8	11.753	9.091
100 3/4	83 1/4	Treas 8¼% 1980-82	96 1/2	-1/8	8.732	9.504
93 1/4	72 1/4	Treas 3% 1982	84 1/2	-1/8	3.536	7.416
118 1/4	101 1/4	Treas 14% 1982	112 1/4	-1/8	12.425	10.135
98	83	Treas 8¼% 1982	94 1/2	-1/8	8.726	9.802
103 1/2	87	Exch 9¼% 1982	97 1/4	-1/16	9.481	9.912
87 1/2	81 1/4	Exch 3% 1983	81 1/4	-1/8	3.664	7.371
114 1/4	95	Treas 12% 1983	112 1/4	-1/8	11.164	10.100
101 1/2	96 1/2	Treas 9¼% 1983	97 1/4	-1/8	9.546	10.009
95	72 1/4	Fund 5½% 1982-84	87 1/4	-1/8	6.341	8.368
99 1/4	77 1/4	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	94 1/4	-1/8	9.043	9.555
87 1/2	67	Fund 6½% 1985-87	85 1/4	-1/8	7.796	9.207
92 1/4	65 1/4	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	86 1/4	-1/8	8.941	9.687
73 1/2	49 1/4	Trans 3% 1978-88	65 1/4	-1/8	4.529	7.787
73 1/4	54 1/4	Treas 5% 1986-89	72 1/4	-1/8	7.071	9.130
120 1/4	90 1/4	Treas 13% 1990	113 1/2	-1/8	11.733	11.320
93 1/2	67 1/4	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	88 1/4	-1/8	9.643	10.346
111	90 1/4	Treas 11¾% 1991	102 1/4	-1/8	11.533	11.462
75 1/4	54	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	72	-1/8	8.206	9.863
117	88 1/4	Treas 12¾% 1992	108 1/4	-1/8	11.741	11.496
96 1/2	89 1/4	Treas 10% 1992	90 1/4	-1/8	10.981	11.292
113	89 1/4	Exch 12¼% 1992	104	-1/8	11.706	11.597
115 1/2	84 1/4	Treas 12½% 1993	106 1/4	-1/8	11.754	11.641
72 1/2	51 1/4	Fund 6% 1993	69 1/2	-1/8	8.935	10.271
126	96	Treas 13¾% 1993	116 1/2	-1/8	12.100	11.814
128 1/4	99	Treas 14½% 1994	118 1/2	-1/8	12.139	11.788
114 1/4	94 1/4	Exch 12½% 1994	105 1/4	-1/8	11.516	11.706
99 1/4	66 1/4	Treas 9% 1994	84 1/4	-1/8	10.575	10.950
110 1/4	97 1/4	Treas 12% 1995	103 1/4	-1/8	11.660	11.623
51 1/4	32 1/4	Gas 3% 1990-95	49 1/2	-1/8	6.114	8.792
119 1/4	87 1/4	Treas 12¾% 1995	110 1/4	-1/8	11.865	11.734
91 1/4	67	Treas 9% 1992-96	87 1/4	-1/8	10.706	11.054
133 1/4	101 1/4	Treas 15¼% 1996	127 1/4	-1/8	12.300	11.893
123 1/2	90 1/4	Exch 13¼% 1996	114	-1/8	11.941	11.778
50	33	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	48 1/4	..	6.356	8.821
121	97 1/2	Treas 13¼% 1997	111 1/4	-1/8	11.932	11.779
98 1/4	80 1/2	Exch 10½% 1997	92 1/4	-1/8	11.379	11.408
89 1/2	65 1/2	Treas 8¾% 1997	81 1/4	-1/8	10.712	11.053
72 1/4	51	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	66 1/4	-1/8	10.078	10.799
137 1/4	103 1/4	Treas 15½% 1998	132 1/4	-1/8	12.236	11.986
96 1/4	66 1/4	Treas 9½% 1999	87 1/4	-1/8	10.915	11.106
43 1/4	27 1/2	Fund 3½% 1999-04	40 1/4	-1/8	8.688	9.925
81 1/4	57 1/4	Treas 8% 2002-06	77 1/4	-1/8	10.718	10.899
58 1/2	40 1/4	Treas 5½% 2008-12	52 1/4	-1/8	10.356	10.624
80	53 1/2	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	72 1/4	-1/8	10.688	10.753
38 1/4	26 1/4	Consols 4%	35 1/4	-1/8	11.246	..
38 1/4	25 1/4	War Ln 3½%	36 1/4	-1/8	9.839	..
39 1/4	26 1/4	Conv 3½%	36 1/4	-1/8	9.486	..
28 1/4	20 1/4	Treas 3%	27 1/4	-1/8	11.437	..
24 1/4	17 1/4	Consols 2½%	22 1/4	..	11.084	..
24	17 1/4	Treas 2½% Aft 75	22 1/4	-1/8	11.429	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101 1/2	93 1/4	Aust 5½% 76-78	101 1/4	..	5.531	7.700
96 1/4	79 1/2	Aust 5½% 77-80	94 1/4	..	5.833	8.842
89 1/2	69 1/4	Aust 5½% 81-82	87 1/2	..	6.422	8.901
87 1/4	65 1/4	Aust 6% 81-83	84 1/2	..	7.184	9.800
93	77 1/4	Aust 7% 79-81	91 1/2	..	7.612	9.351
95	90	Chilean Mixed	90	..	..	..
79 1/2	61 1/4	E Africa 5¾% 77-83	74	..	7.848	12.814
340	197	German 4½% 1930	340	..	..	..
42	32 1/2	Hungary 4½% 1924	40	..	..	..
90 1/4	69 1/4	Ireland 7½% 81-83	87 1/4	-1/4	..	..
98 1/2	84 1/4	Jamaica 7¾% 77-79	96 1/2	..	8.056	10.778
282	225	Japan Ass 4% 1910	282	+2	..	..
84	62	Japan 6% 83-88	84	..	..	..
78	65	Kenya 5% 78-82	76 1/2	..	6.525	12.561
86	69	Malaya 7¾% 78-82	84	..	8.906	12.183
96 1/2	81 1/2	N Z 6% 76-80	93 1/4	..	6.406	8.989
79	53 1/4	N Z 7½% 88-92	72 1/4	-1/4	10.118	11.291
89	66 1/4	N Z 7¾% 83-86	87 1/4	-1/4	8.891	9.970
91	74	N Rhd 6% 78-81	89	..	6.762	10.563
91	74	Nyasa 6% 78-81	89	..	6.762	10.563
155	145	Peru 6% Ass	155	..	..	..
94 1/2	82	S Africa 9½% 79-81	94 1/2	..	..	..
70	30	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	66	..	..	..
65	[illegible]	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	62	..	..	..
93	44	S Rhd 6% 78-81	90	..	..	..
55	45	Spanish 4%	45	..	..	..
81	67	Tang 5½% 78-82	79	..	5.240	12.065
98	90	Uruguay 3½%	93	..	..	..

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
27	20 1/4	L C C 3% 1920	25	-1/4	12.410	..
84 1/2	64 1/4	L C C 5% 80-83	82	..	6.206	9.932
93	72	L C C 5½% 77-81	91 1/4	..	5.942	8.102
85 1/4	62	L C C 5½% 82-84	80 1/4	..	6.824	9.610
79 1/2	53 1/4	L C C 5½% 85-87	72 1/2	..	7.682	10.249
96 1/4	81 1/4	L C C 6% 76-79	96	..	6.252	8.615
78	38 1/4	L C C 6½% 88-90	74	..	9.143	10.575
75 1/4	53	G L C 6½% 90-92	68	-1/2	9.722	11.121
100 1/2	82	G L C 9½% 80-82	97 1/2	..	9.741	10.169
107 1/4	93 1/2	G L C 12½% 1982	105	..	11.901	10.974
111 1/2	91	G L C 12½% 1983	104 1/2	..	11.914	11.320
99	85 1/4	C of L 6¾% 75-78	100	..	6.498	6.063
88 1/4	70 1/2	C of L 6¾% 80-82	87	..	7.470	10.209
92 1/4	69 1/4	Ag Mt 7¼% 81-84	90	..	8.902	10.629
77 1/4	55 1/4	Ag Mt 7¼% 91-93	73 1/2	..	10.699	11.687
73 1/2	52 1/4	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	72	..	9.533	11.215
91 1/4	73 1/4	Belfast 6½% 77-80	91 1/2	..	7.104	10.097
98 1/2	84 1/2	Brighton 6¾% 76-79	97 1/4	..	6.874	8.851
98 1/4	85	Camden 6½% 77-78	98 1/4	..	6.612	8.166
91 1/4	72 1/2	Croydon 6½% 78-81	89	..	7.576	10.301
99 1/4	89 1/2	Edin 6½% 77-79	98 1/2	..	6.800	8.041
103	80	Glasgow 9¼% 80-82	96 1/4	..	9.858	10.108
100	89	Gwich 6½% 76-78	100	..	6.749	6.734
110 1/4	96 1/4	Liverpl 13½% 1981	108	-1/2	12.490	10.675
33	22 1/4	Met Water B 34-03	30 1/4	-1/4	10.087	11.659
89	76 1/2	N I 6½% 79-80	88 1/2	..	7.341	11.496
85 1/4	60	N I 7% 82-84	82 1/4	..	8.624	11.300
86 1/4	65	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	81	..	7.936	11.121
100 1/2	89 1/4	Notts 6½% 76-78	100	..	6.752	6.821
97 1/4	84	Sthend 5¾% 77-79	97	..	5.406	8.440
85	60 1/4	Swark 6¾% 83-86	81 1/2	..	8.426	10.260
94 1/2	77 1/4	Surrey 6% 78-80	93	..	6.445	9.705

Investment Dollar Premium 77¼% (78¾%). Premium Conversion Factor 0.7543.

FOREIGN STOCKS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
54 1/2	40 1/2	Bayer	£42 3/4	+1/4	197	4.6	18.9
15 1/4	11 1/4	Commerzbank	£14 1/4	+1/4	44.2	3.1	16.3
22 3/4	17 1/2	Cp Fn Paris	£19 1/4	-1/4	187	9.7	6.3
52	43	EBES	£49	..	381	5.7	..
23	14	Ericsson	£19	..	69.2	3.6	21.4
23	6	Finsider	7	..	..	..	..
14	4 1/2	Granges	£7 1/4	..	..	..	..
560	385	Hoechst	400	..	19.7	4.9	13.8
34	8	Montecatini E	9	..	..	..	..
650	470	Robeco fl.5	496	+9	29.7	6.0	28.4
481	325	Rolinco Subs fl 5	347	+7	..	..	44.8
100	30	Snia Viscosa	32	..	..	..	..
905	710	Thyssen-Huette	780	+10	..	..	13.6
74 1/4	42	Volkswagen	£66 1/2	+1	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10 11/16	8 1/4	Brascan	£9 3/4	+1/4	67.4g	6.6	3.9
12	8 5/8	BP Canada	£9 3/4	+1/4	..	..	..
15 1/4	9 1/2	Can Pac Ord	£10	+1/4	47.0	4.7	7.7
16 1/4	9 1/4	El Paso	£10 1/2	+1/4	41.7	4.0	19.7
45 1/2	27 1/4	Exxon Corp	£31 1/4	+1/4	..	..	..
35	20 3/4	Fluor	£22 3/4	+1/4	63.7	2.9	8.8
25 1/2	16 3/4	Hollinger	£17 1/4	..	..	..	..
33 3/4	21 1/4	Hud Bay Oil	£25 11/16	+1/4	28.9	1.1	48.8
24 1/2	14 5/8	Husky Oil	£16 1/4	+1/4	..	..	..
28 1/4	9 5/8	INCO	£10	+1/16	56.3	5.6	6.5
11 7/8	6 1/4	IU Int	£7 1/4	+1/4	46.2	6.1	10.5
33 1/2	18 1/2	Kaiser Alum	£18 3/4	+1/4	82.1	4.2	..
18 11/16	8 1/4	Massey-Ferg	£9 1/4	+1/4	58.1	6.4	2.7
17 1/4	11 1/4	Norton Simon	£12 1/4	+1/4	43.7	3.6	9.8
27 1/4	20	Pacific Petrol	£22 3/16	+1/16	..	..	..
24 1/4	17 1/4	Pan Canadian	£18 1/4	+1/4	..	..	..
200	130	Steep Rock	134	-1	..	..	..
12 1/4	8 1/2	Trans Can P	£9	+1/4	..	..	..
42	18 1/4	US Steel	£19 1/2	+1/4	..	..	..
725	725	White Pass	725	..	15.9	2.2	21.0
12 1/4	7 1/2	Zapata Corp	£11 1/4	..	15.7	1.4	5.6

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
305	185	Alexs Discount	250	● -5	21.7	8.7	5.7
575	350	Allen H & Ross	470	-5	46.3	9.9	8.4
168	96 1/2	Allied Irish	158	..	10.0b	6.4	5.5
185	108	Arb-Latham	165	..	14.3	8.7	11.3
337	232	ANZ Grp	250	+5	11.6b	4.6	6.3
22 1/4	13 1/4	Bank America	£14 3/4	+1/4	49.0	3.3	11.6
363	202 1/2	Bk of Ireland	337	+2	20.1b	6.0	6.3
27	15	Bk Leumi Israel	19	..	11.2	58.7	1.7
200	170	Bk Leumi UK	170	● ..	11.2	6.6	15.2
500	370	Bk of NSW	390	+5	18.6	4.8	8.4
315	223	Bk of Scotland	295	..	16.5	5.6	7.7
34 1/4	21 1/4	Bnks Trst NY	£23 1/4	+1/4	175	7.4	8.5
390	227	Barclays Bank	317	..	16.4	5.2	7.9
210	116	Brown Shipley	205	..	14.0	6.8	7.6
358	225	Cater Ryder	290	..	26.6	9.2	..
38 1/4	17 1/2	Chase Man	£16 1/4	+1/4	114	6.1	9.0
29 1/4	13 1/2	Citicorp	£13 1/2	..	61.7	4.6	7.2
93	51 1/4	Clive Discount	73	+2	7.2	9.9	8.3
230	170	Com Bk of Aust	185	+3	10.3	5.6	8.6
170	115	Com Bk of Syd	122	+2	8.3	6.8	..
17 1/4	12 1/4	CC De France	£14 1/4	..	131	8.9	10.4
3 1/2	1/2	First Nat Fin	3	..	..	..	..
15 1/2	7	Fraser Ans	11 1/4	-1/4	..	..	..
210	130	Gerrard & Nat	172	-2	12.4	7.2	7.6
53	37	Gibbs A.	42	..	3.0	7.1	15.7
271	161 1/2	Gillett Bros	233	..	23.4	10.0	10.9
126	55	Grindlays Hldgs	117	..	4.6	3.9	6.3
230	150	Guinness Peat	206	● -4	16.2	7.9	10.2
23	12	Hambros £10	£19	..	144	8.0	..
257	142	Do Ord	195	-3	14.4	7.4	5.6
116	74	Hill Samuel	92	-2	6.7	7.3	8.0
340 1/2	223	Hong K & Shang	248	-5	7.7b	3.1	21.3
88	54 1/2	Jessel Toynbee	74	..	6.2	8.4	..
185	115	Joseph L.	180	..	12.0	6.7	8.9
51	21	Keyser Ullmann	42	..	0.5	1.2	..
80	42	King & Shaxson	63	+1	5.1	8.2	6.1
134	76	Kleinwort Ben	102	..	5.9	5.7	8.5
298	185	Lloyds Bank	256	-5	13.2	5.1	5.2
177	92	Mercury Secs	116	-3	5.1	4.4	5.8
390	256 1/4	Midland	340	● -8	22.4a	6.6	5.0
65	39	Minster Assets	58	..	5.3b	9.2	8.4
240	188	Nat of Aust	182	+2	8.7	4.8	7.5
81	56	Nat Com Bk Grp	73	-2	4.0	5.5	5.4
298	205	Nat W'minster	263	-2	16.5	6.3	6.1
40	29	Ottoman	£28 1/2	..	250	8.5	10.8
68	45	Rea Bros	63	..	3.4	3.8	13.3
21 7/8	14 15/16	Royal of Can	£19 1/4	-1/4	86.8	4.5	11.9
490	290	Schroders	420	..	15.7	3.7	14.8
290	188 1/2	Seccombe Mar	230	..	18.7	8.1	6.8
100	58	Smith St Aubyn	74	-1	7.3	9.9	..
430	293	Standard Chart	402	-5	27.6	6.9	5.8
515	285	Union Discount	440	● ..	31.9	7.3	5.4
74	37	Wintrust	64	..	4.6	7.1	25.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
96	58	Allied	82	-1/2	6.0a	7.3	11.2
166	87	Bass Charrgton	139	-1	7.3	5.3	9.3
42	26	Belhaven Grp	40	..	..	..	..
234	78 1/2	Bell A.	212	-4	7.4	3.5	8.5
142	82	Boddingtons	138	-2	5.9	4.3	14.7
112	64	Brown M.	106	..	5.9	5.6	12.4
177	95	Bulmer H. P.	137	..	4.9	3.6	8.1
160	75	Burtonwood	151	..	4.6	3.2	10.6
66	40	C of Ldn Dfd	57	-1	3.6	6.4	22.4
162	100	Devenish	160	..	8.9	5.6	8.4
191 1/2	119	Distillers	168	-1	9.9	5.9	10.8
507	190	Glenlivet Dist	507	h +2	6.0	1.2	12.7
108	56	Greenall	105	..	4.0	3.8	10.8
240	152	Greene King	217	..	10.9	5.0	12.1
198	124	Guinness	178	..	10.6	6.0	9.4
150	95	Hardys & H'sons	150	..	10.6	7.1	10.1
158	87	Highland	155	..	4.4	2.8	23.1
100	35	Invergordon	90	-2	3.2	3.5	10.9
132	42	Irish Distillers	123	+6	5.4	4.4	8.9
57	31	Marston	54	● -1	2.7	4.9	8.3
71	46	Scot & Newcastle	66 1/2	-2	4.9	7.4	14.6
16 1/4	13 1/4	Seagram	£13 1/4	+1/4	45.7	3.3	10.1
68	40	SA Breweries	60	..	6.3	10.6	4.2
107	42	Tomatin	99	-1	4.1	4.2	29.0
415	228	Vaux	395	..	24.4	6.2	10.3
96 1/2	58 1/2	Whitbread 'A'	85	-1	5.6	6.6	9.6
99	60	Do B	88	..	5.6	6.3	10.0
94	53	Whitbread Inv	78	-2	5.7	7.3	21.5
200	114	Wolverhampton	195	..	8.7	4.5	11.5

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	114	-2	8.3	7.3	8.4
142	56	AB Electronic	102	-2	7.6	7.5	7.0
38	25	AC Cars	35	..	1.5	3.8	9.5
89	32	AGB Research	84	..	3.5	4.1	13.9
228 1/2	134	APV Hldgs	197	..	8.1	4.1	7.8
73	43	Aaronson Bros	60	..	2.8	4.7	6.8
116	62	Acrow	114	..	3.6	3.2	13.0
98	52	Do A	80	-3	3.6	4.5	9.1
41	11	Adda Int	39 1/2	..	0.8	2.0	..
282	150	Adwest Group	248	-2	15.2	6.1	6.8
63	34	Aeron't & Gen	58	-1	3.5	6.0	10.3
62	42	Airfix Ind	47	-1	4.6	9.7	4.2
131	79	Albright & W	94	-3	6.5	6.9	6.1
96	69	Alcan 10½%	£90	..	1050	11.7	..
144	71	Do 9% Cnv	£143	..	900	6.3	..
300	205	Alginate Ind	280	-1	18.7	6.8	10.7
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	56	..	6.6	11.7	..
56 1/2	25 1/2	Allen W. G.	54	..	4.3	7.9	6.0
100 1/4	44 1/2	Allied Colloids	67	● -1	2.4	3.6	11.8
87	43	Allied Insulators	64	..	5.3	8.3	7.7
17	7 1/2	Allied Plant	16	-1/2	1.1	6.7	9.6
200	75 1/2	Allied Retailers	198	-2	13.2	6.7	9.5
46	19	Alpine Hldgs	39 1/2	..	2.5	6.3	28.7
283	210	Amal Metal	277	..	21.5	7.7	5.4
138	87 1/4	Amal Power	122	-2	8.0	6.6	6.8
41	21	Amber Day	37 1/2	..	3.0	8.1	5.4
18	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	17	..	0.8a	4.4	2.6
96	41	Anchor Chem	69	..	6.0	8.7	7.7
57 1/2	34	Anderson Strath	46	..	3.8	8.3	6.2
90	48 1/2	Anglia TV 'A'	84	..	6.3	7.5	6.3
540	390	Anglo Amer Ind	450	..	42.9	9.5	4.2
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	34	..	..e	..	..
96	49	Appleyard	87	..	6.7	7.7	7.6
39 1/2	18 1/2	Aquascutum 'A'	37	..	2.1	5.7	8.3
123	66 1/4	Arlington Mtr	120	..	11.7	9.8	9.1
75	38	Armitage Shanks	71	-1 1/2	6.5	9.1	10.3
73	39	Armst Equip	57	..	3.1	5.4	9.8
63	44	Asprey 6½% Pf	50	..	6.0	12.0	..
94	58 1/4	Ass Biscuit	74	-2	4.8	6.5	7.2
173	85	Ass Book	170	..	6.1	3.6	7.5
76 1/2	48	Ass Brit Food	60	..	3.3	5.5	8.1
142	82	Ass Engineer	120	..	7.1	5.9	6.3
71	36	Ass Fisheries	55	-3	1.9	3.4	11.0
62	26 1/2	Ass Leisure	52	..	4.3	8.2	9.7
196	121	Ass News	154	..	8.1	5.3	8.8
57	20	Ass Paper	51	● -1/2	4.4	8.6	5.0
294	153	Ass Port Cement	234	-5	13.1	5.6	7.7
119	69 1/2	Ass Tel 'A'	106	● -3	9.9	9.4	7.4
28	23	Ass Tooling	26	● ..	3.5a	13.3	9.6
42	23	Astbury & Mdley	40	..	1.7	4.1	8.2
51	27	Atkins Bros	51	..	5.6	10.9	7.9
43	27	Audiotronic	33	..	..e	..	8.2
37	22	Ault & Wiborg	31 1/2	..	2.9	9.0	6.7
99	56	Aurora Hldgs	90	-2	7.9	8.8	4.3
70	30	Austin E.	70	..	5.5	7.8	5.0
113 1/2	51	Automotive Pd	91 1/2	-1	2.8	3.1	7.3
34 1/2	14 1/2	Avana Grp	32	-1/2	1.5	4.8	8.0
174	113	Averys	156	..	8.3	5.2	9.5
205	74	Avon Rubber	191	-3	14.1	7.4	2.8
307	235	B.A.T. Ind	283	..	21.1	7.5	4.5
260	203	Do Dfd	225	-4	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	57	-1	3.4	5.9	5.8
136	87	BICC	105	-1	10.0	9.5	12.5
82	61	BOC Int	69 1/2	● -1	4.8	7.1	4.6
272	111	BPB Ind	233	-6	11.0	4.7	7.1
50	26	BPM Hldgs 'A'	46	-1	4.3	9.4	6.3
42 1/2	17 1/2	BSG Int	39	-1/2	3.2	8.2	6.5
151	86	BSR Ltd	92	-1	7.1	7.7	4.1
292	142 1/2	BTR Ltd	220	-8	13.8	6.3	7.6
144	70	Babcock & W	113	..	8.0	7.0	4.9
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	33	..	3.5	10.7	10.2
9 1/4	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	8	..	0.3	4.0	61.5
169	93	Baird W.	152	-2	14.1	9.3	5.7
112	65	Baker Perkins	94	-1	6.3	6.7	5.6
53	29 1/2	Bambergers	48	..	4.5	9.4	5.4
15	3 1/2	Barker & Dobson	13	..	..e	..	..
206	144	Barlow Rand	186	+1	16.5	8.8	3.8
74	39	Barr & Wallace	71	..	5.1	7.2	6.9
72	37	Do A	68	-1	5.1	7.5	6.6
128	56 1/4	Barratt Devs	111	-2	12.2	11.0	5.2
54	36	Barrow Hepbn	47	..	5.6	11.9	6.3
53	40	Barton & Sons	49	-1	5.0	10.1	4.6
155	89	Bassett G.	144	-3	7.8	5.4	8.9
99	53	Batlr & P'land	79	-1	5.0	6.3	4.4
67	34	Beales J.	56	..	4.0	7.1	4.1
193	66	Beatson Clark	170	-2	7.6	4.5	6.8
51	25 1/2	Beauford Grp	50	..	4.6	9.2	8.5
73 1/2	48	Beckman A.	69	-1	6.8	9.8	7.6
690	372	Beecham Grp	620	-10	28.0	4.5	13.0
83	39 1/2	Bejam Grp	64	-3	2.2	3.4	7.9
90	54	Bemrose Corp	68	..	5.8	8.5	6.5
70	22 1/2	Benn Bros	60	-1	3.3	5.4	9.7
227	148 1/4	Beris'f'd S & W	211	-2	12.5	5.9	8.6
62	31	Berisfords	62	..	3.4	5.5	6.5
84	36	Best & May	52	● ..	4.3	8.2	9.1
166	122	Bestobell	156	-3	14.3	9.2	8.0
69	28	Bett Bros	64	● -3	2.6	4.0	7.0
227	102	Bibby J.	209	-2	10.1	4.8	6.7
74	54	Birmid Qualcast	68	+1/2	6.2	9.1	8.2
77	50	Birm'gham Mint	66	..	6.6	10.0	7.1
230	148	Bishops Stores	160	-10	3.7	2.3	9.0
205	77	Do A NV	126	-7	3.7	2.9	7.2
125	66	Black & Edg'tn	114	..	6.4	5.6	15.1
40	35	Blackman & C	18 1/2	..	..	..	33.0
93	49	Blackwd Hodge	75	-2	4.4	5.8	6.8
30	15	Blackwood Mt	27	-1	..	..	15.5
245	132	Blagden & N	232	..	18.2	7.8	8.8
72	39	Blundell Perm	62	● -1/2	4.4	7.1	6.0
13	7 1/2	Boardman K. O.	12	..	1.5	12.3	3.2
73	33	Bodycote	69	-1	3.4	4.9	6.7
36	17	Bonser Eng	22	-1	2.0	9.2	12.2
240	128	Booker McCon	211	-2	10.7	5.1	9.6
212	84	B'sey & Hwkes	207	..	7.3	3.5	8.5
157	87	Boot H.	135	..	12.5	9.2	6.1
242	115	Boots	195	-6	4.3	2.2	15.1
97	68	Borthwick T.	68	-2	9.4	13.8	9.4
28 1/2	14	Boulton W.	20	..	2.1	10.4	6.5
216	160	Bowater Corp	172	-3	14.7	8.5	8.1
66	34	Bowthrpe Hldgs	56	-1	2.3	4.2	6.8
89	62	Braby Leslie	85	-3	8.0	9.4	4.9
76	60	Brady Ind	71	-2	8.6	12.1	13.5
75	57	Do A	68	..	8.6	12.6	12.9
40	23 1/2	Braham Millar	37	..	2.3	6.2	5.0
45	17	Braid Grp	42 1/2	● ..	2.1	4.9	6.0
179	67 1/2	Braithwaite	144	..	6.1	4.3	4.1
218	49 1/2	Brammer H.	115	..	6.4	5.5	10.7
53	38	Bremner	50	..	5.8	11.6	10.1
206	90	Brent Chem Int	184	-1	3.7	2.0	15.2
52	25	Brent Walker	52	..	1.7a	3.3	22.6
36	22	Brickhouse Dud	34	..	3.3	9.8	6.7
172	105	Bridon	112	-2	9.5	8.5	6.9
47 1/2	27 1/2	Bright J. Grp	37	-1	3.7	9.9	6.6
44 1/2	29	Brit Car Auctn	42	..	3.0	7.1	10.3
17	11	Brit Enkalon	12 1/2	..	..	..	..
246	137	Brit Home Strs	192	-5	8.9	4.7	16.2
28	20	Brit Leyland	23	+3	..	..	1.8
120 1/2	80	Brit Northrop	100	..	..	..	3.6
49 1/2	31	Brit Printing	45	..	4.8	10.7	7.2
90	50	Brit Sttn Spec	84	..	7.3	8.5	9.8
490	275	Brit Sugar	455	● -5	28.8	6.3	2.7
70 1/2	30 1/2	Brit Syphon Ind	60	..	4.6	7.6	8.2
60	29 1/2	Brit Tar Prod	53	..	2.1	3.9	9.3
90	44	Brit Vita	82	-2	3.1	3.7	5.9
28 1/2	13 1/2	Britains	27	..	2.1	7.9	22.0
64	44	Brockhouse Ltd	61	-1/2	5.5	9.0	5.8
86	41	Brocks Grp	72	..	5.1	7.1	12.7
715	385	Broken Hill	400	+10	19.3	4.8	40.0
40	30	Bronx Eng	35	..	2.4	6.8	5.4
71	35	Brook St Bur	64	..	6.4	10.0	16.6
56	33	Brooke Bond	46	-1/2	4.2	9.1	3.8
37	11	Brooks Tool	27	..	1.5	5.6	4.7
121	49	Brotherhood P.	115	-3	8.8b	7.6	4.1
100	74	Brown & Tawse	94	..	6.8	7.2	6.0
55	19	BBK	47	..	2.7	5.7	11.2
24	12	Brown Bros Cp	22 1/2	..	1.6	7.2	12.9
283	98	Brown J.	282	-1	13.2a	4.7	4.6
124	88	Bruntons	107	..	10.6	9.9	7.6
47	17	Bryant Hldgs	45	-1	3.4	7.6	9.5
136	66	Bullough Ltd	130	● -2	8.5a	6.5	4.6
48	28	Bulmer & Lumb	44	-1/2	4.8	10.8	5.5
120	57	Bunzl Pulp	108	..	7.4	7.0	4.2
64	35	Burco Dean	59	..	5.6	9.5	5.9
38	22	Burgess Prod	36	..	3.5	9.8	5.6
184	64	Burnett H'shire	170	..	4.1	2.4	8.1
184	63	Do A NV	168	..	4.1	2.5	8.0
39	16	Burns And'son	38 1/2	..	2.2	5.7	5.6
17 1/2	9	Burrell & Co	14	-1/2	1.4	10.0	7.3
185	130	Burt Boulton	152	..	15.2	8.3	5.2
142	51	Burton Grp	124	+1	2.3	1.8	..
130	39	Do A	117	-2	2.3	1.9	..
75	43	Bury & Masco	74	..	6.4	8.7	10.9
69	30	Butterfld-Harvy	68	..	3.4a	4.9	9.3

C—E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
33	13 1/4	CH Industrials	27 1/2	..	2.1	7.8	4.7
59 1/2	39 1/2	Cadbury Sch	53 1/2	-1/2	4.1	7.7	10.5
110	70	Caffyns	103	..	8.7	8.5	8.4
85	48	C'bread Robey	52	..	2.3	4.4	14.5
133	30	Campari	124	-4	2.8	2.2	8.4
121	64	Do B	114	-1	..	..	..
82	45 1/2	Camrex Hldgs	69	-1	6.0	8.7	5.8
65	36	Canning W.	63	..	5.3	8.5	10.4
135	97	Cape Ind	115	..	11.5	10.0	3.8
79	37	Caplan Profile	77	..	7.3	9.4	5.0
90	33 1/4	Capper Neill	62	-2	3.2	5.1	7.2
95	33	Caravans Int	84	● +5	7.0	8.3	3.2
86	35	Cardo Eng	65	-1	4.5	7.0	6.0
61	32	Carless Capel	35	-1	1.3	3.7	9.0
175	59	Carlton Ind	170	-1	8.3	4.9	7.9
76	47 1/2	Carpets Int	43	+1/2	6.1	14.1	4.7
46	16 1/2	Carr J. (Don)	45	..	1.4	3.1	7.0
41	22 1/2	Carr'ton Vly	38 1/2	-2	3.0	7.8	10.5
110	63 1/4	Carroll P. J.	103	+3	9.2	8.9	7.9
45	28	Casket S Hldgs	45	..	3.0	6.6	8.4
25	7	Causton Sir J.	18	..	..	..	4.5
165	88	Cawoods	129	-3	5.3	4.1	9.5
36 1/2	12	Celestion	33 1/2	..	0.9	2.7	5.6
128	84 1/2	Cement Rdstone	126	+4	6.9	5.5	15.9
54	25	Cen & Sheer	44 1/2	-1	3.4	7.6	7.9
72	42	Central Man	67	-2	4.0	6.0	3.5
192	68 1/4	Centreway Ltd	192	+5	17.5	9.1	5.4
42	34	Ch'mbn & Hill	36	..	3.9	10.7	2.8
58 1/2	27 1/2	Chamberl'n Grp	51	-1	4.2	8.2	7.2
33	8 1/2	Change Wares	21 1/2	..	..e	..	27.2
23 1/2	17	Do Cnv Cum	21	..	2.4	11.5	..
129	91	Chloride Grp	98	-2	7.3	7.4	8.0
78	57	Christies Int	72	..	4.5	6.2	7.5
138	93	Chubb & Sons	124	-3	5.5	4.4	9.2
198	57	Church & Co	195	..	4.7	2.4	9.6
78	45	Coalite & Chem	71	..	4.2	5.9	5.9
79	50	Coates Bros	71	..	3.3	4.6	7.5
77	46	Do A	69	..	3.2	4.6	7.3
83	57	Coats Patons	65	-1	4.7	6.3	5.1
130	45	Cole R. H.	115	-2	5.3	4.6	8.6
62	33	Collett D'son	56	-1	4.7	8.4	6.1
186	99	Collins W.	135	..	7.0	5.2	8.5
186	99	Do A	135	..	7.0	5.2	8.5
38	14	Comben Grp	29	+1	2.4b	8.4	7.1
101	50	Comb Eng Strs	81	-3	4.6	5.7	8.8
113 1/2	59	Comet Radiov'n	103	..	3.6	3.4	9.4
114	64	CompAir	99	..	5.5	5.3	7.9
30	20	Compton Webb	27	+2	2.6	9.3	4.5
28	16	Cook W.	27	..	2.6	9.6	6.0
65	37	Cope Allman	54	-1	4.8	8.8	5.5
17	9	Copson F.	16	..	1.1	7.1	8.1
39	16 1/2	Corah	35	-1 1/2	1.7a	4.8	7.6
144	54 1/4	Coral Leisure	117	-5	9.1	7.8	10.6
83	34	Cosalt	73	..	4.7	6.4	6.5
332	134	Costain R.	258	-2	15.2b	5.9	9.0
41	8	Countryside	33	● -1/2	1.8	5.1	12.2
107	72	Courts (Furn)	95	..	5.0	5.3	6.5
107	73	Do A NV	95	..	5.0	5.3	6.5
135	90	Courtaulds	117	-4	10.7	9.1	5.8
72	30	Courtney Pope	68	..	3.3	4.8	9.9
78	30 1/4	C'wan de Groot	64	● ..	3.5	5.4	3.9
44 1/2	22	Cowie T.	39	● ..	2.6	6.6	3.7
100	24	Crane Fruehauf	99	h ..	3.6a	3.7	10.7
44	15	Crellon Hldgs	28	..	..e	..	..
76	28	Crest Nicholson	67	..	4.6	6.8	13.3
72	44	Croda Int	53	-1	3.2	6.1	8.1
43	35	Cronite Grp	37	..	3.7	10.1	18.5
39	23	Cropper J.	39	..	1.3	3.3	..
140	94	Crosby Hse	133	..	14.2	10.7	..
39 1/2	16	Crossland R.	38	● +1/2	2.1	5.4	12.3
70	45	Croxley Bldg	69	-1	6.3	9.1	11.0
96	48	Crouch D.	86	..	5.5	6.4	11.3
73	25	Crouch Grp	67	..	4.2	6.2	11.8
53	32 1/4	Crown House	48	..	4.7	9.7	9.6
45	28	Crowther J.	36	-1	0.9	2.5	..
147	83	Cum'ns En Cv	£87	+1	375	4.3	..
160	63 1/2	Dale Electric	142	-2	4.1	2.9	14.2
15 1/4	14 1/4	Dana Corp	£15 1/2	+1/4	43.8	2.8	..
17	8	Dartmouth Inv	16	-1/2	1.2	7.6	10.0
129	70 1/4	Davies & New	114	+3	11.1	9.7	6.5
298	150	Davy Int	230	-3	15.5	6.7	7.7
88	48	Dawson J.	88	..	8.1	9.1	11.5
520	350	De Beers Ind	430	+10	44.6	10.4	8.6
26	21	Deanson Hldgs	25	..	3.2	12.7	7.5
118	64 1/4	Debenhams	99	-3	8.0	8.1	6.6
319	128 1/2	De La Rue	270	-2	15.0	5.6	8.0
580	293	Decca	455	-5	16.1	3.5	13.0
555	223	Do A	445	-5	16.1	3.6	12.7
81	49	Delta Metal	69 1/2	-1	6.8	9.8	9.6
100	66	Denbyware	84	● ..	8.2	9.8	..
178	82	De Vere Hotels	164	..	6.7	4.1	30.6
165	67	Dew G.	166	h ..	8.5	5.1	9.0
62	27	Dewhirst I. J.	58	..	2.6	4.6	10.0
143	89	DRG	116	-2	9.9a	8.5	8.4
178	57	Diploma Inv	143	-5	5.8	4.0	8.7
62	28	Dixon D	62	+3	3.8	6.1	27.8
178	63	Dixons Photo	158	● -4	3.4	2.2	7.7
38	20	Dixor	38	..	0.9	2.4	46.9
79	37	Dobson Park	67 1/2	-1 1/2	3.2	4.8	5.3
66	41	Dom Hldgs	65	..	6.6	10.2	11.6
105	43 1/4	Douglas R. M.	101	..	4.7	4.7	7.1
24	17	Dow'd & Mills	22 1/2	-1/2	1.6	7.2	10.4
250	105	Downing G. H.	219	-1	15.7	7.2	4.7
174	93	Dowty Grp	161	-3	6.4	4.0	10.3
26	12 1/2	Drake & Scull	22	..	..	..	..
50	28	Dreamland Elec	40	..	3.5	8.8	12.6
47	34	Dufay	36	..	2.3b	6.4	8.1
123	73 1/4	Dunlop Hldgs	83	-2	8.0	9.7	4.9
14 1/2	5 1/2	Duple Int	13 1/2	..	0.9	6.7	6.7
87 1/2	57 1/2	Duport	63	-1	6.4	10.2	4.5
134	41	Durapipe Int	123	..	5.7	4.6	7.6
50	28	Dutton For	44	-1	4.3	9.7	7.5
37	21	Dykes J. Hldgs	27 1/2	..	..e	..	10.0
253	172	E.M.I.	177	-4	14.0	7.9	6.6
168	34	ERF Hldgs	163	..	5.5	3.4	5.0
47	35	E Lancs Paper	46	..	4.8	10.4	..
79	46	E Mid A Press	79	..	5.5	6.9	5.9
93	22	Eastern Prod	87	-1	6.6	7.6	6.8
106	56	Eastwood J. B.	97	● ..	5.9	6.0	2.7
154	105	Edbro	136	+4	8.9	6.5	5.6
45	19	Eleco Hldgs	41	..	2.6	6.4	11.2
48	32	Elec & Ind Secs	44	..	4.1	9.2	8.1
360	89	Electrocomps	329	-8	7.5	2.3	15.1
24 1/2	15	Electronic Mach	20	+1/2	..	..	..
124	48	Electr'nic Rent	122	..	7.6	6.2	8.8
119	59 1/2	Elliott B.	95	-2	7.9	8.3	5.3
44	14	Elliott Grp	20	..	..e	..	6.3
97	66	Ellis & Everard	84	-2	7.6	9.0	15.5
18 1/2	14 1/4	Ellis & Gold	18 1/2	..	2.7	14.6	10.5
78	37	Elson & Robbins	78	..	4.7	6.1	6.1
23	9	Elswick Hopper	19	-2	1.4	7.2	7.9
202	82 1/2	Empire Stores	167	-3	7.3	4.4	14.5
14 1/4	4 1/4	Energy Serv	12 1/2	..	0.3b	2.4	15.8
36	22	England J. E.	35	..	2.0	5.7	3.0
34	34	English & O'seas	34	g ..	0.5	1.6	31.5
106	50	English Card Cl	79	-1	4.2	5.3	4.4
109	69 1/4	Eng China Clay	78	-1	5.4	6.9	8.7
79	51	Erith & Co	79	..	7.4	9.3	8.1
220	130	Esperanza	136	● ..	8.0	5.9	5.0
78	42	Eucalyptus Pulp	65	..	7.6b	11.7	2.1
116 1/2	54	Euro Ferries	106	-2 1/2	4.2	4.0	8.4
107	52	Eva Industries	95	..	7.3	7.7	6.7
211	121	Ever Ready	155	-2	6.1	3.9	8.0
95	42	Erode Hldgs	76	-1	3.2	4.2	8.9
27 1/2	14 1/2	Ewer G.	25	-1/2	2.0a	8.1	9.6
20	7 1/2	Excalibur	19 1/2	..	0.8	3.9	7.7
105	65	Exch Telegraph	102	..	7.7a	7.5	8.8
77 1/2	57	Expand Metal	64	..	5.6	8.7	7.1

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
115	52	FMC	73	..	3.9	5.3	3.6
26	7	FPA Cons	23	..	1.7	7.4	10.2
62	33 1/4	Fairbairn L'son	54	-1	5.5	10.2	8.5
78	37 1/2	Fairclough Cons	65	-1	3.6	5.5	8.5
109	39	Fairview Est	101	-1	8.6	8.5	6.1
240	81	Farnell Elect	202	-6	9.9	4.9	11.0
80	44	Fed Chem Hldgs	72	h ..	5.3	7.3	7.8
40	13	Fed Lnd & Build	36	..	3.1	8.6	10.6
40	23	Feedex Ltd	31	..	2.0	6.4	7.9
150	111	Fenner J. H.	146	-2	10.2	7.0	10.0
106	46	Ferguson Ind	100	..	9.1	9.1	10.4
48	19 1/2	Fine Art Dev	42 1/2	-1/2	2.8	6.5	10.1
319	150	Finlay J.	289	-1	9.9	3.4	5.3
21	8	Finlay Pack	21	+1	0.9	4.0	7.9
400	283	Fisons	377	-5	18.5	4.9	11.0
73	45	Fitch Lovell	61	● -1	6.1	10.0	7.7
83	43 1/4	Fluidrive Eng	62	● -1	5.0	8.1	6.0
63	20	Fodens	58	..	3.8	6.6	3.8
121	48	Fogarty E.	112	-2	4.8	4.3	5.6
29 1/2	15 1/2	Folkes Hefo NV	22	..	2.1	9.5	5.1
34	20	Ford M.	32	..	3.7	11.4	13.4
289	130	Ford Mtr BDR	140	+5	8.3	5.9	14.8
137	49 1/4	Forminster	130	-5	6.0	4.6	6.2
600	410	Fortnm & Mason	600	+10	31.5	5.3	11.0
212	136	Foseco Min	142	-1	6.5	4.6	8.4
86	39	Foster Bros	84	-1	4.3	5.1	10.8
33	16	Foster J.	26	-1	2.5	9.6	9.2
94	69	Fothergill & H	86	● ..	9.4	10.9	9.8
48	28	Francis G. R.	48	..	5.4	11.3	8.7
70	28	Francis Ind	57	-1	5.1	9.0	4.7
318	127	Freemans Ldn	276	-4	8.5	3.1	13.2
70	40	French T.	66	● ..	3.9	5.9	4.9
35 1/2	14	French Kier	29	-1/2	2.2b	7.8	11.9
96	53	Friedland Doggt	92	..	4.4	4.8	7.2
88	48	GEI Int	75	-2	5.9	7.8	6.0
67	32 1/2	Gallifd Brindley	62	..	4.6	7.5	6.7
104	67	Garnar Scotblair	101	..	6.8	6.8	4.7
282	153	GEC	254	● -8	5.8	2.3	10.4
104 1/2	96 1/2	Do F Rate	£100 1/4	..	889	..	..
27	13 1/4	Gen Eng (Rad)	20	..	1.5	7.7	5.3
330	165	Gen Mtr BDR	185	..	11.0g	5.6	6.7
190	124	Gestetner 'A'	173	..	6.0	3.5	6.5
69	33 1/4	Gibbons Dudley	65	-1	3.5	5.4	3.1
96	35	Gieves Grp	96	● ..	6.8	7.1	9.2
240	161 1/2	Gill & Duffus	214	..	13.2	6.2	7.2
56	23	Giltspur Ltd	49 1/2	..	4.1	8.3	5.0
70	36	Glass & Metal	64	-2	4.2	6.6	6.9
25	13	Glass Glover	24	● ..	1.9	7.8	6.7
667	400	Glaxo Hldgs	557	-13	15.5	2.8	11.2
54	19	Gleeson M. J.	46	..	2.8	6.1	7.1
57	34	Glossop & W.J.	56	..	5.5	9.8	8.1
120	78	Glynwed	102	-2	11.4b	11.2	8.6
70	39	Goldbg & Sons	62	..	5.7	9.2	12.4
87	41	Gomme Hldgs	76	-1	4.6	6.0	10.0
95	60	Gordon & Gotch	90	..	4.0	4.5	8.5
23	11	Gordon L. Grp	21	..	..	..	..
61	47	Grampian Hldgs	54	..	6.0	11.0	7.8
99	42 1/2	Granada 'A'	92	● -2	3.0	3.3	10.0
109	63 1/2	Grand Met Ltd	96 1/2	-1 1/2	6.4	6.7	7.9
348	183	Gt Univ Stores	288	-4	11.8	4.1	13.3
346	176	Do A	278	-6	11.8	4.2	12.9
47	17 1/4	Greenfield Mill	42	-1 1/2	2.7	6.4	12.3
95	65	Greens Econ	78	..	6.4	8.2	6.1
85	28	Gripperrods	46	..	3.6	7.7	5.1
368	260	GKN	272	-2	23.6	8.7	7.6
100	71	Haden Carrier	91	-1/2	12.0	13.2	5.7
110	55	Haggas J.	108	..	1.0	0.9	8.4
98	62 1/2	Hall Eng	91	..	6.4	7.0	6.1
207	99 1/2	Hall M.	183	-5	10.0a	5.5	7.3
64	34	Halma Ltd	60 1/2	-1 1/2	2.1	3.5	10.0
96	68	Hanimex Corp	94	+2	4.1	4.4	5.3
161	100	Hanson Trust	130	-1	9.5	7.3	6.4
51	26	Hardy Furn	34	+1	0.3	0.9	..
43	23	Do A	33	+1	0.3	0.9	..
61	38	Hargreaves Grp	59	..	4.6	7.8	9.6
53	34 1/2	Harris Sheldon	47 1/2	..	4.3	9.0	8.1
111	45	Harrison T.C.	109	-2	5.8	5.3	10.4
438	278 1/4	Harrison Cros	350	..	19.3b	5.5	8.5
92	41	Hartwells Grp	86	..	6.7	7.7	7.4
214	113	Hawker Sidd	178	-8	5.9	3.3	7.0
75	43	Hawkins & T'son	70	..	6.1	8.6	4.6
78	34	Hawthorn L.	66	-1	..	..	..
189	57	Hays Wharf	144	-5	7.5	5.2	14.9
35 1/2	12 1/2	Headlam Sims	34 1/2	-1/2	1.9	5.5	7.1
18 1/2	8 1/2	Helene of Ldn	18	..	0.9	5.2	5.9
31	20	Helical Bar	28	-1	3.1	11.0	16.7
87	39	Hend'son Kent	65	-1	3.3	5.1	3.8
144	79	Henly's	122	● ..	10.0a	8.2	4.6
100	39 1/4	Hepworth Cer	81	-2	5.0	6.2	9.4
65	29 1/4	Hepworth J.	62	..	3.5	5.6	9.9
11 1/2	6 1/2	Herman Smith	10 1/2	..	0.4	3.6	43.9
143	76	Hestair	115	..	9.1	7.9	4.1
60	17 1/2	Hewden-Stuart	51	..	1.9	3.8	9.5
22	11	Hewitt J.	22	..	1.4	6.5	4.3
89	63	Hicking P'cost	89	..	9.8	11.0	10.2
610	295	Hickson Welch	520	..	15.7	3.0	4.6
97	36	Higgs & Hill	81	-1	5.0	6.2	4.1
44	24 1/2	Hill & Smith	40	+2	3.1	7.7	5.2
150	76	Hill C. Bristol	98	..	9.9	10.1	..
300	71	Hillards	170	-15	6.7	3.9	4.9
92	67	Hoffnung S.	67	..	6.4	9.6	4.9
64	35	Hollas Grp	57	● -1	6.4	11.2	5.2
74	34	Hollis Bros	70	-1	6.7	9.6	6.4
148	70	Holt Lloyd	130	-4	8.5	6.5	12.9
123	60	Home Charm	121	-3	5.2	4.3	12.6
410	195	Hoover	340	-3	20.5	6.0	7.4
412	195	Do A	340	-3	20.5	6.0	7.4
105	55	Hopkinsons	81	-1	7.1	8.8	4.4
93	28	Horizon Mid	87	..	4.5	5.1	5.9
157	71	Hse of Fraser	136	-3	6.7	4.9	13.6
70	26	Hoveringham	70	..	2.9	4.1	14.1
64	21 1/2	Do RV	60	-1	2.8	4.6	12.1
23	11 1/4	Howard & Wynd	22	..	..	..	12.5
22	10 1/2	Do A	21	..	..	..	11.9
52	30	Howard Mach	34	..	3.4	9.9	13.3
31	17	Howard Tenens	25	-1/2	2.6	10.4	..
71	39	Howden Grp	57	-1	5.6	9.9	15.8
13 1/16	8 1/4	Hudsons Bay	£10 3/16	+1/4	34.7	3.3	10.6
30	16	Hunt Moscrop	26	..	1.1	3.8	8.2
220	76	Hunting Assoc	216	..	4.5	2.1	9.7
132	63	Huntleigh Grp	103	-2	3.4	3.3	3.2
65	47	Hutch Whamp	51	..	..	..	..

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
264	150	ICL	242	-6	11.2	4.6	4.4
117	75	IDC Grp	112	..	13.6	12.2	14.7
163	74	Ibstock Johns'n	144	-1	8.8	6.1	7.7
445	325 1/2	Imp Chem Ind	338	-4	23.9	7.1	6.3
120	75	Imp Cold Store	95	..	7.8	8.3	3.7
89 1/2	65	Imperial Grp	76	-1	7.8	10.3	8.4
69	46	Imp Metal Ind	57 1/2	-1/2	5.0	8.7	6.8
24	17	Ingall Ind	22	-1 1/2	2.6	11.7	8.1
39	27	Ingram H.	29	-2	4.3	14.7	6.9
74 1/2	46	Initial Services	69	-1/2	6.5	9.6	11.6
72	41 1/2	Int Paint	68	-3	3.6	5.3	5.7
135	70	Int Timber	127	..	9.3	7.3	5.9
82	47	Inveresk Grp	75	-1	7.4	9.9	12.6
9 1/4	6 3/4	Itoh BDR	8 1/2	..	8.6	1.3	..
60	27	JB Hldgs	59	..	1.6	2.8	5.3
24	12	Jacks W.	23	..	1.0	4.3	..
56	37	Jacksons B'End	53	..	..e	..	..
11	5 1/2	James M. Ind	10 1/2	-1/4	0.8	7.2	..
356	149	Jardine M'son	178	+3	6.5	3.7	..
197	98	Jarvis J.	186	-3	13.1	7.1	8.1
42	16	Jessups Hldgs	40	..	2.4	5.9	5.9
46	47 1/4	Johnson & F B	39	-1	7.1	13.0	4.3
82	37	Johnson Grp	79	..	5.9	7.5	8.2
492	307	Johnson Matt	465	-5	20.2	4.3	7.5
352	144	Johnson-Richd	326	-4	10.8	3.3	9.6
90	42 1/2	Jones Stroud	84	-4	6.3a	7.5	6.4
44	22	Jourdan T.	40	..	3.0	8.9	8.2
60	27	K Shoes	58	..	3.4	6.1	5.1
125	36	Kelsey Ind	111	..	4.9	4.4	5.1
84	49 1/2	Kenning Mtr	80 1/2	..	6.3	7.8	6.8
46	21	Kent M. P.	38	..	3.2	8.7	9.7
65	13	Kitchen Taylor	63	+3	..	..	..
105	52 1/4	Kode Int	87	..	7.2	8.2	7.6
53	16	Kwik-Fit Hldgs	45	-1	1.2	2.6	20.1
274 1/2	131 1/4	Kwik Save Disc	180	-6	7.9	4.4	13.7
96	62	LCP Hldgs	89	-1	7.3	8.2	7.7
48	29 1/2	LRC Int	42	-1	4.4	10.5	7.3
125	80	LWT Hldgs 'A'	125	+9	9.4	7.5	7.6
216	88	Ladbroke	184	-11	10.6a	5.8	7.9
48	30 1/4	Ladies Pride	46	..	3.3	7.2	5.7
105	27	Lafarge	94	h ..	3.0	3.2	10.4
171	70	Laing J.	145	-2	5.0	3.5	11.8
170	69	Do A	144	-2	5.0	3.5	11.7
97	44	Laird Grp Ltd	78	..	4.5	5.7	5.2
85	43	Lake & Elliot	58	-2	5.3	9.1	13.1
41	31	Lambert H'wth	37	..	4.4	11.8	5.2
78	28	Lane P. Grp	58	..	4.8	8.2	5.6
32 1/2	21 1/2	Lankro	32 1/2	h ..	2.0	3.8	18.5
131	83 1/4	Laporte Ind	96	-1	10.3	10.7	5.3
135	84	Latham J.	123	..	10.5	8.5	5.6
138	45	Laurence Scott	112	..	7.6	6.8	6.5
106	53	Lawrence W.	99	..	9.9	9.9	7.4
68	24	Lawtex	66	..	4.4	6.6	4.4
177	128	Lead Industries	144	-1	11.2	7.8	5.7
62	36	Le-Bas E.	48	..	2.5	5.2	..
23	15 1/4	Lee A.	23	..	2.2	9.6	5.0
138	29 1/4	Lee Cooper	105	-2	2.5	2.3	4.5
189	32 1/2	Leigh Int	150	-6	5.5	3.7	21.9
69	16 1/4	Leisure & Gen	69	h ..	3.6	5.5	16.2
115	60 1/4	Leisure C'van	112	-2	6.7	6.0	12.8
45	29	Lennons Grp	32	-1	2.3	7.3	10.4
283	113	Lep Grp	243	..	5.2	2.1	7.2
82	57	Lesney Ord	63	-1	4.1	6.5	4.6
139	70	Letraset	102	+1	4.6	4.5	7.1
83	38 1/2	Lex Services	73	-1/2	5.3	7.2	9.3
20 1/2	8 1/4	Liberty Ord	£20 1/2	..	48.5	2.4	9.4
86	33	Lilley F. J. C.	76	..	3.8	5.0	7.9
61	30	Lincroft Klig	57	-1	5.3	9.3	3.0
151	58	Lindustries	138	..	13.6	9.9	7.9
197 1/2	100	Linfood Hldgs	143	-2	13.6	9.5	6.0
39	19	Linread	35	-1	3.0	8.4	..
42	22	Lister & Co	37	-1	0.2	0.4	..
79	64	Lloyd F. H.	70 1/2	-1/2	7.5	10.7	6.3
16 1/2	9	Locker T.	15	+1/4	1.3	8.3	6.7
15	8 1/4	Do A	15	+1/4	1.3	8.3	6.7
118	86	Lockwoods Fds	115	-3	5.6	4.9	6.2
81	44	Ldn & M'land	78	-1	7.2b	9.3	6.9
43 1/2	24	Ldn & N'thern	39 1/2	-2	3.0b	11.4	4.9
85	39	Ldn Brick Co	65	-2	4.6	7.1	7.3
180	84	Ldn Prov Post	180	..	13.6	7.6	8.3
73	31	Longton Trans	64	..	5.2	8.2	3.7
87	60	Lonrho	75	..	9.9	13.2	2.9
85	39	Lonsdale Univ	83	..	7.0	8.5	6.0
58	26	Lookers	52	..	3.7	7.2	2.6
90	44	Lovell Hldgs	82	● -1	5.9	7.2	3.6
175	120	Low & Bonar	172	..	16.5b	9.6	6.1
337	204	Lucas Ind	253	..	12.5	4.9	6.3
88	25	Lyon & Lyon	82	..	9.1	11.1	8.9
128	47	Lyons J. Ord	105	-3	11.5	11.0	8.2

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
125	33	MFI W'house	114	-1	6.0	5.2	14.5
214	87	MK Electric	172	-1	8.8	5.1	7.3
94	48	ML Hldgs	88	..	5.9	6.6	7.6
65	37	MY Dart	57	-2	3.3	5.8	4.4
253	138	McCorquodale	237	+6	21.6	9.1	8.7
48	15	McInerney Prop	46	..	..	..	21.1
19	11	McCleery L'Amie	12	..	..	..	..
49	28	Mackay H.	48	..	4.9	10.3	15.3
94	60 1/4	McKechnie Bros	90	+1	7.5	8.3	5.1
56	31	McNeill Grp	50	-3	..	..	..
63 1/2	37	Macpherson D.	57 1/2	-1/2	3.8	6.5	6.0
65	17	Madame Tussds	65	h ..	3.7a	5.7	13.6
59 1/2	29	Mallinson Denny	47	-1/2	4.2	8.9	5.6
78	30	Man Agcy Music	71	..	8.5	12.0	5.4
30	15	Manch Garages	26	r -1/2	2.3	8.7	6.0
247	177	Man Ship Canal	210	..	21.6	10.3	6.1
100	14	Mang Bronze	89	-1	2.9	3.2	3.9
43	27	Manordale Grp	43	..	6.2	14.5	4.1
17 1/2	5 1/2	Maple Hldgs	16	-1/2	..e	..	..
202	114	Marchwiel	242	-2	5.2	2.1	5.5
170	95	Marks & Spencer	137	-5	6.4	4.7	16.6
99	46	Marley Ltd	83	-3	3.8	4.5	6.9
24	9 1/4	Marling Ind	16	..	1.5	9.5	9.1
59 1/2	31	Marshall Cav	56 1/2	-1	6.0	10.6	9.9
48	27	Marshall T Lox	38	f ..	3.5	9.3	4.9
44	26	Do A	35	..	3.5	10.1	4.5
156 1/4	96	Marshalls Univ	140	-2	9.5	6.8	4.7
97	54	Martin-Black	56	..	6.7	12.0	5.6
244	95 1/2	Martin-News	228	-4	10.2	4.5	5.4
160	91	Martonair	152	..	8.1	5.3	9.4
85	45	May & Hassell	78	..	4.4	5.6	5.2
126	60	Maynards	122	..	7.3	6.0	7.6
31	19	Mears Bros	19	● ..	2.7	14.2	15.8
21	10 1/2	Medminster	21	..	2.7	13.0	12.0
78	50	Melody Mills	73	+4	4.4	6.0	5.1
54	20 1/2	Melville D & W	45	..	3.7	8.3	4.6
13 1/2	9	Mentmore Mfg	12 1/2	..	1.3	10.2	18.9
302	102	Menzies J.	298	..	7.1	2.4	16.1
382	246	Metal Box	294	-8	21.5	7.3	6.7
85	65	Metal Closures	81	-2	6.0	7.4	7.8
41	13 1/4	Metalrax	37	..	1.6	4.3	7.5
55	28	Metloy	40	-1	3.2	8.1	5.7
38	22	Meyer M. L.	31	..	6.9	8.5	3.6
44	19 1/2	Midland Ind	40	-1	1.5	3.8	5.9
35	28	Milbury	95	..	3.9	4.1	8.2
100	50	Mills A. J.	100	+4	4.2	4.2	9.4
168 1/2	96	Min Marsters	153	..	7.8	5.1	6.1
93	28	Mining Supplies	68	..	1.7	2.5	9.7
49	36 1/2	Mitchell Cotts	44 1/2	-1/2	5.2	11.6	5.9
66	34 1/2	Mitchell Somers	59	..	2.4	4.0	6.0
66	43	Mixconcrete	59	-1	4.5	7.7	8.8
40	22 1/2	Modern Eng	38	..	4.0	10.5	8.0
132	97	Molins	103	-3	9.9	9.6	..
86	35 1/2	Monk A.	81	..	5.4	6.5	8.5
50 1/2	33	M'santo 5% Ln	£49 1/2	..	500	10.1	..
59 1/2	40	Do 6% Ln	£56	..	625	11.2	..
220	106	Do 6% Cnv	£113	+1	500	4.4	..
69	35	Montfort Knit	59	..	4.9	8.3	9.1
85	35	More O'Ferrall	85	..	5.2	6.1	23.0
137	86	Morgan Cruc	123	-1	7.7	6.3	11.2
46	30	Morgan Edwds	30	..	2.9	9.6	54.5
52	36	Morris & Blakey	48	-2	6.2	13.0	11.5
50	33	Do A	46	-2	6.2	13.5	11.1
91	44	Moss Bros	91	..	6.1b	6.7	16.5
73	46	Moss Eng	70	..	6.3	9.0	7.5
210	101	Mothercare	168	-8	4.2	2.5	19.5
17 1/2	8	Mowlem	12 1/2	..	..	..	..
144	48	Mowlem J.	122	-3	9.9	8.1	8.5
200	127 1/4	Muirhead	184	..	7.6	4.1	14.1
72	39	Myson Grp	67	+1	..e	..	..
117	48	NSS News	107	-1	3.2	3.0	9.7
51	27	Nathan B. & I.	51	..	4.6	8.9	11.0
67	38	Nat Carbon	49	..	..e	..	..
33	12	Needlers	32	+2	..e	..	..
45	30 1/2	Neepsend	42	..	4.5	10.7	17.1
90	37	Negretti & Zam	86	..	5.0	5.8	7.8
97 1/2	69	Neill J.	86	r -3	9.7a	11.2	6.7
187	45	Newarthill	156	-5	6.8	4.3	11.3
75	33 1/2	Newman Ind	70 1/2	-1/2	7.6	10.8	2.6
72	33	Newman Tonks	70	..	5.5	7.9	9.0
180	85	Newmark L.	175	● ..	9.8a	5.6	5.6
94	51	Norcros	87	-1	6.2	7.1	6.7
44	11	Norfolk C Grp	42	-1	0.9	2.2	20.8
44	26	Normand Elec	44	..	4.3	9.8	14.1
100	54	NEI	89	-1	3.5b	9.5	..
136	64	Nthn Foods	111	-4	5.2	4.7	9.4
205	44	Norton & Wright	188	-7	6.0	3.2	15.1
38	9	Norton W. E.	31	..	1.0	3.2	6.1
100	82	Norwest Holst	92	h -2	6.4	6.9	6.5
109	60	Notts Mfg	104	-1	4.5	4.4	9.8
122	45 1/2	Nurdin & Peacck	91	-3	2.6	2.8	12.7
26	17 1/2	Nu-Swift Ind	25 1/2	..	2.2a	8.7	10.6

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	74	Ocean Wilsons	84	-2	5.4	6.4	8.8
99	55	Office & Elect	92	..	6.2	6.7	6.7
115	60	Ofrex Grp	106	-2	5.0	4.7	12.4
31 1/2	23 1/4	Ogilvy & M	£25 1/4	+1/4	21.5	0.8	10.9
84	40	Osborn S.	81	..	5.4	6.7	4.9
84	43	Owen Owen	78	-2	4.0	5.2	7.8
56	7	Oxley Printing	34	-1	3.8b	6.9	10.8
124 1/2	56 1/2	Parker Knoll 'A'	122	-1	4.9	4.0	4.8
115	60	Parker Timber	113	..	8.3	7.3	5.0
36	14	Paterson R.	35	-1/2	3.5	9.8	10.1
230	126 1/2	Paterson Zoch	215	..	10.6	4.9	4.0
225	117 1/2	Do A NV	205	..	10.6	5.2	3.8
135	62 1/2	Pauls & Whites	116	-3	6.5	5.5	8.6
186	103	Pearson Long	176	..	8.2	4.7	8.2
207	123	Pearson & Son	184	-3	9.4	5.1	8.7
37 1/2	24 1/2	Do 4% Ln	£34	..	400	11.8	..
208	152	Pegler-Hatt	162	..	11.6	7.2	5.3
29 1/2	6	Pentland Ind	23	..	1.0	4.1	7.9
80	42	Pentos	75	-1	6.5	8.7	7.6
90	63	Perkin El 4%	£72	..	..	..	..
172	61	Perry H. Mtrs	163	..	7.8	4.8	10.3
87	59	Petrocon Grp	70	..	6.7	9.6	8.1
64	51	Philips Fin 5½%	£57 1/2	..	575	10.0	..
11	7 9/16	Philips Lamps	£7 1/4	+1/16	37.1	4.8	..
19	7	Phillips Pats	16	..	..	..	37.2
185	64	Phoenix Timber	157	..	6.5	4.1	2.1
282	130	Photo-Me Int	245	..	6.0	2.4	7.4
89	67	P'dilly Theatre	96	..	1.6	1.7	53.0
16	11	Pickles W.	16	..	1.0	6.5	10.7
112	54	Pifco Hldgs	110	-2	4.1	3.7	8.2
109	32	Do A	107	..	4.1	3.6	8.1
540	273	Pilkington Bros	435	..	16.9	3.9	6.5
66	44	Pittard Grp	64	..	4.0	6.3	5.5
131	81	Plaxtons	119	..	10.8	9.1	8.1
75	31	Pleasurama	73	..	3.1	4.2	7.1
117	62	Plessey	89	-2	7.4	8.3	9.0
15 1/4	7 1/4	Do ADR	£11 1/2	+1/4	..	..	..
85	42	Plysu	81	+1	2.0	2.4	10.4
45	33	Pontins	39 1/2	h -1	2.5	6.5	13.5
423	126	Pork Farms	397	-6	19.8b	5.0	10.4
258	136	Portals Hldgs	233	..	11.9	5.1	12.1
127	51	Porter Chad	112	..	7.5	6.7	6.6
52	32	Portsmth News	50	..	4.3	8.6	6.2
223	119	Powell Duffryn	176	-3	15.2	8.6	8.8
72	50	Pratt F. Eng	65	..	7.3	11.2	4.7
84	32	Preedy A.	81	..	4.3	5.3	10.5
32	12 1/4	Press W.	29 1/2	-1/2	1.3	4.5	6.1
185	107	Prestige Grp	156	..	8.5	5.4	9.0
46	27	Prestwich Pkr	34	..	4.6	13.6	9.0
185	135	Pretoria P Cem	170	..	17.6a	10.4	3.4
342	204	Pride & Clarke	316	sh -2	16.9a	3.3	13.9
79	45	Priest B.	77	..	5.0n	10.4	6.4
23 1/4	18 1/4	Pritchard Serv	30 1/2	-1/2	2.3	7.4	8.5
113	37	Pye Hldgs	102	..	4.4a	4.3	7.6
35	23	Pyke W. J.	34	..	1.0	2.9	53.1
42	23	Pyramid Grp	40	..	3.3	8.3	8.1
22 1/4	14 1/4	Quaker Oats	£16 1/4	-1/4	59.7	4.2	8.6
30 1/4	6 1/4	Queens Moat	26	-1/2	..	..	44.1
46	21	Quick H. J.	45	..	2.5	5.6	7.9
77	31	R.F.D.Group	59 1/2	-1	2.4	4.0	5.5
80	27	RKT Textiles	73	..	6.6	9.0	8.6
288	117	Racal Elect	302	-6	5.9	2.9	10.5
18	12	Raine Eng	15	..	1.3	8.8	6.6
20	9	Rainsen Grp	16	..	..	..	..
278	240	Rank Org Ord	242	● -4	12.7	5.0	8.2
53 1/2	38 1/2	RHM	45 1/2	-1	5.0	10.9	7.2
67	50	RHP	67 1/2	-1/2	5.8	9.3	8.2
152	96	Ransomes Sims	138	-2	12.0	8.7	7.6
80	33 1/2	Ratcliffe F. S.	73	● ..	7.1	9.8	7.2
113	18 1/2	Ratners	111	● ..	1.0	0.9	11.3
71	35	Raybeck Ltd	68	-1/2	5.0	7.4	12.0
38 1/2	23 1/2	Readicut Int	32 1/2	-1 1/2	2.2	6.9	6.7
143	72	RMC	120	-3	8.8	7.3	8.3
510	330	Reckitt & Colmn	415	..	15.3	3.7	8.9
90	30	Record Ridgway	88	..	6.8a	7.8	7.4
328	76	Redfearn Nat	308	+1	24.0	7.8	4.1
93	64	Rediffusion	83	-1	6.5	7.4	11.2
161	86	Redland	136	-3	6.3	4.6	9.4
62	16	Redman Heenan	54	..	2.8	5.1	3.7
63	23	Reed & Smith	62	h ..	3.2	5.1	..
100	32	Reed A.	82	..	4.1	5.0	9.7
97	32	Do A NV	80	..	3.9	4.9	9.5
47	16	Reed Exec	43	-1	4.2	9.7	..
236	119	Reed Int	128	-2	19.7	15.4	5.2
21 1/2	14 1/4	Reliance Grp	£17	+1/2	31.0	1.8	9.3
41	13 1/2	Reliance Knit	40	..	4.4	10.9	3.3
88	44	Rennies Cons	49	..	9.7	19.7	2.4
264	112	Renold Ltd	126	-5	13.1	10.4	5.3
60	33	Rentokil Grp	54	..	2.3	4.3	12.6
46	17	Renwick Grp	40	-1	..e	..	27.0
94	68	Revertex	82	-1	7.4	9.0	5.2
65	37	Rexmore	58	..	6.5	11.2	4.7
140	35 1/4	Ricardo Eng	128	..	4.0	3.1	9.6
79	37	Richards & Wall	75	..	6.2	8.3	9.2
22	14 1/2	Rich'n-Merrell	£14 1/4	+1/4	51.8	3.5	10.6
64	35	Richardsons W.	53	..	6.2	11.7	6.4
144	71 1/2	Rockware Grp	128	-4	8.0	6.3	7.5
78	55	Rolls-R Motors	68	..	6.5	9.6	6.9
52 1/2	25	Ropner Hldgs	44	..	3.2	7.3	5.2
49	24 1/2	Do A	39 1/2	-1/2	3.2	8.2	4.7
13 1/2	4 1/2	Rosgill Hldgs	12	..	..e	..	..
55	30	Rotaflex	52	-1	3.5	4.7	9.8
52	22	Rotaprint	45	-1	4.2	9.3	7.4
58	32	Rothmns Int 'B'	46	-1	3.1	6.7	2.9
161	80	Rotork Ltd	119	..	3.4	2.8	5.9
152	65	Routledge & K	152	● ..	5.6	3.7	11.8
102	40	Rowlinson Con	96	-3	3.4	3.6	4.9
430	282	Rowntree Mac	388	-4	11.5	3.1	8.6
167	66	Rowton Hotels	166	..	9.0	5.4	17.9
142	84	Royal Worcs	124	-1	9.0	7.3	8.5
35	14	Royco Grp	31	-1/2	0.8	2.5	..
40	18	Ruberoid	33	-1	3.1	9.4	10.3
90	46	Rugby Cement	79	-3	5.0	6.4	9.6
61	33	Do NV	50	-2	4.2	8.5	14.1
154	58	SGB Grp	145	-2	8.0	5.5	8.4
19	7 1/4	SKF 'B'	£10	..	47.9	4.8	5.0
102 1/2	52	Saatchi	102	..	6.3	6.1	5.4
37 1/2	26 1/2	Sabah Timber	34 1/2	..	2.3	6.7	3.4
255	130	Sainsbury J.	170	-3	8.6	5.0	10.8
20 1/4	15 1/2	St Gobain	£16	..	63.7	4.0	7.6
230	113 1/4	Sale Tilney	222	-3	15.5	7.0	7.4
281	116	Samuel H.	281	..	12.0	4.3	13.8
273	113	Do A	267	-2	12.0	4.5	13.1
65	41	Sanderson Kay	65	..	6.2	9.5	9.5
39	20	Sanderson Mur	36	..	4.7	13.1	3.8
56	40	Sanger J. E.	47	-1	6.6	14.4	9.2
119	77	Sangers	80	-1	8.8	11.0	10.4
77	33	Savoy Hotel 'A'	75	..	1.5	2.1	17.9
116	69	Scapa Grp	98	-1	8.3a	8.4	4.2
297	193	Scholes G. H.	275	-5	25.1	9.1	12.9
82	41	Scotcros	85	..	4.6	5.4	8.3
62	14	S.E.E.T.	55	● -2	2.8	5.0	3.5
40	18 1/2	Scot Heritable	39	..	2.0a	5.0	4.9
63	35	Scottish TV 'A'	60	..	3.4	5.6	5.0
93	55	Scot Univ Inv	91	● -1	7.8	8.5	14.1
70 1/2	32 1/2	Sears Hldgs	61 1/2	-1	3.6	5.8	15.4
66	48	Securicor Grp	60	..	1.6	3.0	10.9
65	40	Do NV	56	..	1.6	3.1	10.5
68	46	Security Serv	68	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
63	40	Do A	68	..	2.9	4.2	10.2
20	11 1/2	Sekers Int	17 1/2	..	2.1b	12.0	9.8
28	10 1/4	Selincourt	25 1/2	-1/2	1.9	7.3	4.8
27	18	Senior Eng	23 1/2	-1/2	1.8	7.5	8.0
120	44	Serck	93 1/2	..	9.0	9.7	7.7
39 1/2	25	Shakespeare J.	37 1/2	-1/2	2.7	7.3	6.5
27 1/2	13	Shaw Carpets	22	..	..e	..	..
101	55	Sheepbridge	75	..	6.4	8.6	9.6
10 1/2	3 1/2	Sherman S.	9	..	..	..	..
106	62	Sidlaw Ind	90	● -3	9.1	10.1	8.4
192	113	Siebe Gorman	182	..	8.0	4.4	10.1
66	30	Stemssen Hunt	60	..	4.2	7.1	9.0
175	152	Signode 7½% Cn	£156	..	700	4.4	..
250	123	Simon Eng	199	-2	11.1	5.6	6.5
98	36	Simpson S.	85	..	5.5	6.6	7.1
92	36	Do A	85	..	5.8	6.8	6.9
59	31	Sirdar	56	..	4.2	7.6	4.3
93	54	600 Group	76	-2	5.9	7.8	7.6
109	55	Sketchley	108	+2	7.0	6.5	12.8
27	19	Small & Tidmas	20	..	3.1	15.4	..
29	10	Smallshaw R.	28	● -1	2.3	8.1	2.7
48	21 1/2	Smart J.	43	-2	5.5	13.1	5.0
99	28	Smith D. S.	84	● ..	3.9	4.6	7.2
67 1/2	39 1/2	Smith & Neph	62	-1 1/2	3.5	5.6	13.1
168	67 1/2	Smith W. H. 'A'	145	-5	3.1	2.1	16.3
132	120	Smiths Ind	157	-1	11.0	7.0	7.2
210	84 1/2	Smurfit	184	+1	9.2	5.0	15.7
40	15	Sobranie	38	..	2.5	9.8	10.7
40	25	Do NV	26	..	2.5	10.2	10.2
60	42	Solicitors Law	57	..	5.8	10.2	11.1
217	156	Sotheby P. B.	210	..	12.7	6.0	8.8
172	113	Spear & Jackson	116	-2	14.3	12.2	11.6
245	100	Spear J. W.	240	..	2.8	1.2	8.3
33	14	Spencer Gears	33	..	1.7	5.0	5.0
49	21 1/4	Spencer G.	45	-1	3.4	7.6	26.5
39 1/2	26 1/2	Spillers	30	-1/2	4.2	14.1	6.5
290	140	Spirax-Sarco	244	-2	13.5	5.5	9.6
59	27	Spooner Ind	52	-2	4.0	7.7	5.2
153	66	Staffs Potts	142	-4	5.4	3.8	6.9
49	12	Stallex Int	15	..	..e	..	2.1
114 1/2	40 1/4	Stag Furniture	109	-2	7.3	6.7	8.9
142	64	Stanley A. G.	124	-4	8.0	6.4	15.7
250	163	Staveley Ind	233	-1	13.3	5.7	7.9
380	204 1/4	Steel Bros	357	..	17.8a	5.0	10.3
254	138	Steetley Co	196	-1	9.3	4.7	8.8
25	9	Steinburg	15	..	2.3	3.8	27.2
89	35	Stew't & Ll 6%	45	..	..	..	..
85	23	Stocklake Hldgs	80	-1	3.9	4.9	4.4
183	85	Stocks J. & Son	180	-2	5.9	3.3	6.7
97	60 1/4	Stonehill	94	-2	9.1b	9.7	8.9
146	83	Stone-Platt	108	..	5.5	5.1	..
174	86	Stothert & Pitt	151	-1	14.3	9.6	6.8
43 1/2	28	Streeters	33	-1	2.6	7.8	5.9
87	56	Strong & Fisher	68	..	6.4	9.4	4.0
27	11	Sunbeam W'sey	27	+5	2.6	9.7	6.8
47	28	Sutcliffe S'man	40	..	3.6	9.0	6.3
161	49	Swan Hunter	141	-2	10.3	7.3	11.6
160	70	Swire Pacific 'A'	81	-1/2	..	..	..
20	9	Symonds Eng	19	..	2.0	10.6	11.3

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
38	9	Tace	25	..	0.8a	3.1	7.4
892	620	Takeda Bdr	880	-5	16.8	1.9	28.1
29 1/2	3	Talbex Grp	21 1/2	+1/2	0.4	2.0	20.3
220	126	Tarmac Ltd	143	-1	13.4	9.4	8.0
280	188	Tate & Lyle	210	-3	20.4	9.7	43.8
139	93	Tavener R'lge	109	-3	8.8	8.1	6.9
80	43	Taylor Pallis	80	..	6.0	8.5	7.8
504	244	Taylor Woodrow	382	-6	10.7	2.8	9.2
122	45	Tecalemit	108	-2 1/2	5.5	5.0	7.6
42	28	Telefusion	39	..	1.8	4.5	6.5
41	27	Do A	37	-1	1.8	4.8	6.1
142	84	Telephone Rent	130	-8	8.3	6.3	11.4
52 1/2	33	Tesco	39 1/2	..	3.3	8.9	8.9
29 1/2	11	Textured Jersey	28	-1	..	..	56.0
139	81	Thermal Synd	133	-1	10.3	7.8	10.1
783	365	Thomson Org	615	-15	9.0	1.5	65.6
450	196 1/4	Thorn Electric	352	● -6	10.4	3.0	8.9
12 1/2	6 1/2	Thurgar Bardex	12 1/2	..	0.9	7.4	16.7
550	405	Tiger Oats	460	+5	31.7	6.9	9.1
256	134	Tilbury Cont	243	-4	27.2	11.2	3.4
132	64 1/2	Tilling T.	102	-1	6.5	6.4	8.9
125	42	Time Products	112	-2	2.4	2.1	9.5
28	8	Titaghur Jute	12	..	..	..	..
19 1/2	10	Tomkins F. H.	18 1/2	..	1.5	7.8	6.8
81 1/2	31	Tootal	46	-2	3.8	8.2	10.4
48	16	Toye	44	..	1.3	2.8	26.2
50	33 1/2	Tozer Kemsley	41	..	4.6	11.3	5.0
106	95	Trafalgar H Ltd	146	-4	7.5	5.2	9.2
92	48	Trans Paper	72	-1	6.7	9.3	5.7
73	48	Transport Dev	67	..	4.5	6.7	13.1
5 1/4	2	Tranwood Grp	4 1/4	-1/4	..	..	..
145	77	Travis & Arnold	138	..	5.3	3.8	5.7
56	25	Tricoville	56	-2	2.8	4.9	5.1
58	31 1/2	Trident TV 'A'	54	-1	4.3	7.9	6.8
89	50	Triplex Found	77	..	6.6	8.6	6.1
201	114	Trust Hse Forte	175	-2	12.1	6.9	15.9
431	311 1/2	Tube Invest	386	-4	31.8	8.2	8.2
287	137	Tunnel Hldgs 'B'	256	-5	15.5	6.0	9.6
11 1/4	7	Turner Curzon	10 1/4	..	1.1	10.5	6.2
253	130	Turner Newall	205	-2	14.4	7.0	10.0
126	53	Turner Mfg	113	● -6	6.1	5.4	4.3
72	27	Turriff	66	-2	3.2	4.8	7.6
79	34	UBM Grp	72	-2	6.4	8.9	19.3
99	54	UDS Grp	89	-3	7.3	8.2	14.6
192	143	UKO Int	162	-3	12.5	7.7	8.8
103	65	Unicorn Ind	92	-3	8.2	8.9	8.3
57 1/2	42	Unigate	53	..	4.8	9.1	7.5
598	412	Unilever	502	-4	38.9	3.8	8.2
28 3/4	20 1/2	Do NV	£21 1/4	..	116	5.3	8.5
102	59	Unitech	91	..	5.6	6.1	12.4
177	130 1/2	Utd Biscuit	153	-2	8.2	5.3	8.6
54	21 1/2	Utd City Merc	49	-1	1.1	2.3	6.0
32	20	Utd Eng	30	..	2.4	11.2	8.3
63	31 1/4	Utd Gas Ind	59	..	5.5	9.3	9.6
332	196	Utd News	326	-4	19.7	6.0	10.4
292	91 1/4	Utd Scientific	280	..	9.1	3.2	11.7
42	19	Valor	35	-1	3.0	5.4	6.1
132	78	Vantona	129	-2	7.5	5.8	6.7
155	85	Vereenging Ref	95	..	17.8	18.8	2.1
19 1/4	9 1/4	Vetco	£17 1/4	f ..	11.6	0.7	..
185	84	Vibroplant	160	..	14.6	9.2	11.6
242	144	Vickers	184	-2	13.8	7.5	4.6
49 1/2	26	Vita-Tex	43	..	4.9	11.3	6.3
182	71	Vosper	160	..	6.9b	4.3	2.7
79	37	W Ribbons	74	..	5.0	6.8	7.0
94	70	WGI	94	+2	8.8	9.4	20.1
262	111	Waddington J.	214	-1	3.6	1.7	7.6
29 1/2	18	Wade Potteries	29	..	2.0	6.8	6.1
217	79	Wadkin	113	..	8.0	7.1	6.3
125	83	Wagon Ind	120	-4	11.2b	9.3	8.8
17 1/2	10	Walker & Homer	13	..	1.4	10.5	3.8
130	76 1/2	Walker C & W	118	-1	9.1	8.0	6.1
103	32	Walker J. Gold	94	..	3.2	3.4	7.4
102	32	Do NV	88	-1	3.2	3.6	7.1
117	55 1/2	Ward & Gold	97	-1	6.2	6.4	6.9
65	39 1/2	Ward T. W.	69 1/2	..	6.2	9.9	8.5
21	13	Wardle B.	19	-1	1.9	9.7	10.1
90	44 1/2	Waring & Gillow	83 1/2	-1	4.9	5.9	8.5
46	29 1/4	Warne Wright	42	..	4.0	9.5	5.3
90	44	Warren J.	65	f ..	..e	..	..
41	18 1/2	Warrington T.	40	-1	4.7	11.9	21.4
51	21 1/4	Waterford Glass	45	+1	1.6	4.0	14.6
91	30	Watmoughs	80	-2	3.8	4.7	7.9
70	36	Watson & Philip	61 1/2	● ..	3.7	6.0	8.6
175	103 1/2	Watts Blake	158	..	6.4b	4.0	7.9
22 1/2	10 1/2	Wearwell	20	-1	..e	..	4.6
150	71 1/2	Weir Grp	110	..	8.0	7.3	8.5
25 1/2	9	Wellco Hldgs	25	..	0.8	3.0	4.2
59	31	Wellman Eng	43	● -2	3.3	7.7	7.7
44	22	Westbrick Pds	39	-1	2.2	7.4	6.8
57	29	Westinghse Brke	47	● ..	3.2a	6.9	4.5
69 1/2	41	Westland Air	47	..	4.8	10.3	12.2
9	9	Westminster Inv	9	f ..	..e	..	..
26	15	Wharf Mill	22	..	2.3	3.6	10.1
54	25	Whatlings	43	● ..	3.9	9.0	5.5
240	130	W'heat Dist	130	-5	11.4	8.7	7.0
56 1/2	28	Wh'lock Mar	32	..	..	..	..
107	51	Whessoe	94	+2	7.0	7.4	5.2
17	8	Whoway Watson	17	..	1.3	7.8	10.2
84	41	White Child	80	..	6.8	8.5	5.8
195	126	Whitecroft	188	-2	20.0	10.6	4.2
54	16	Whiteley BSW	44	..	0.8a	1.7	18.4
135	58	Wholesale Fit	132	-2	8.3	8.3	7.7
272	85	Wigfall H.	262	h -6	7.5	2.6	..
25	11	Wiggins Constr	22	..	3.4	9.5	8.0
120	55	Wight Cons	120	..	10.2	8.5	9.5
214	129	Wilkins'n Match	189	● -1	13.2	7.0	10.3
104	79	Do 10% Conv	£98	..	1000	10.2	..
44	25 1/4	Wms J. Cardiff	41	..	4.2	10.2	5.4
59	26	Wills G. & Sons	57	+1/2	2.2	3.9	8.9
91 1/4	51	Wilmot Breeden	62 1/2	-1 1/2	4.8	7.2	4.5
44	17 1/2	Wilson Bros	42 1/2	-1 1/2	2.1	5.0	10.4
91	38	Wimpey G	74	-1	0.9	1.3	9.9
45	24	Winn Ind	40	..	4.0	10.1	8.4
44	28 1/2	Witter T.	40	-1	4.4	10.9	7.2
200	72	W'sley Hughes	190	..	10.2	5.3	8.9
30	12	Wood & Sons	28	..	0.9	3.3	5.9
47	30	Wood S. W.	41	..	5.9	14.3	..
101	61	Wood Hall Tst	93	● -2	7.3	7.8	8.6
127	48 1/2	Woodhead J.	95	..	5.4	5.7	6.1
32	28	W'dh'se Rixson	29 1/2	..	3.3	11.3	8.1
69	49	Woolworth	65	-1	6.0	9.2	13.2
27	15	Wrighton F.	23 1/2	..	1.7	7.1	..
295	140	Yarrow & Co	270	..	7.0	2.6	9.2
73	22 1/4	York Trailer	63	..	3.3	5.2	4.6
39	42	Youghal C'pts	37	+2	7.2	21.3	5.4
54	31	Zetters	52	..	1.8	3.4	12.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	240	..	25.4	10.6	2.5
410	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	410	+5	3.5	0.8	4.6
30	17	Boustead	26 1/2	..	2.3	8.6	7.3
25	6	Brit Arrow	21	-1/2	..	..	..
114	71	BET Dfd	102	● -1	8.1	7.9	7.7
153	102	Challenge Corp	110	..	7.0	6.4	5.9
66	42	Charterhse Grp	59	..	5.1	8.6	11.4
37 1/2	27 1/4	C Fin de Suez	£35 1/4	-1/4	..	..	..
348	215	Daily Mail Tst	322	-5	18.2	5.7	20.2
345	210	Do A	318	-5	18.2	5.8	19.6
343	195	Dalgety	224	+1	17.7	7.9	7.8
35	13	Dawnay Day	33	-2	1.5	4.6	12.9
23	13	Edin Ind Hldgs	14 1/2	..	0.2a	1.0	33.0
113	79	Electra Inv	100	..	6.5	6.5	21.3
27	15	Exploration	26	..	0.8	3.0	10.5
85	27	FC Finance	64	-1	2.3	3.5	17.6
31	14	Goode D & M Grp	27	-1 1/2	1.2	4.5	..
427	293 1/4	Inchcape	355	● ..	22.7b	6.4	8.2
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	106	-2	6.0	5.6	13.9
17	8	Ldn & Euro Grp	13	..	..	..	..
120	61	M&G Grp(Hldgs)	108	..	5.2	4.9	11.2
84	28	Manson Fin	48	● +2	4.9	10.3	17.0
78	47	Martin R. P.	64	-2	9.1	14.3	9.7
95	40	Prop Inv & Fin	81	-4	6.1b	8.7	21.4
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	94	..	6.9	7.4	10.7
120	87	Sime Darby	96	+1	4.2	4.4	8.6
61	37	Smith Bros	57	..	6.8	12.0	12.1
730	631	Tyndall O'seas	677	..	46.4	6.9	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	41	-2	..e	..	29.9
117	43 1/2	Wagon Fin	90	-2	6.3b	6.9	11.8
79	33	Yule Catto	75	..	2.0	2.7	14.1

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	65	Bowring	102	-4	4.2	4.1	..
58	39	Brentnall Beard	45	-3	1.9	4.3	13.8
184	112	Britannic	165	-1	12.5	7.6	..
172	102 1/2	Com Union	138	-5	11.6	8.4	..
180	107	Eagle Star	140	-5	9.3	6.6	..
194	114	Equity & Law	166	-4	9.4	5.6	..
284	161	Gen Accident	214	-6	12.5b	5.8	..
294	175	Guardian Royal	226	-6	14.5	6.4	..
300	185	Hambro Life	273	-4	24.1	8.8	..
270	136 1/2	Heath C. E.	240	-3	7.5	3.1	11.1
201	125	Hogg Robinson	165	-3	9.0	5.4	9.3
201	127	Howden A.	147	-8	8.6	5.8	8.1
154	108	Legal & Gen	161	-4	8.0	5.0	..
117	90	Leslie & Godwin	90	-1	6.4	7.1	10.2
150	90	London & Man	122	-6	8.2	6.7	..
150	57	Ldn Utd Inv	143	..	5.8	4.0	11.9
286	187	Matthews W'son	200	-2	13.9	7.0	8.9
193	109	Minet Hldgs	150	-2	4.9	3.2	12.5
78	43	Moran C.	60	● -1	5.0a	8.3	6.6
282	182	Pearl	246	-2	17.3	7.1	..
322	188	Phoenix	246	-6	14.9	6.0	..
130	100	Prov Life 'A'	127	..	11.2	8.3	..
130	100	Do A Br	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
130	100	Do B	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
130	100	Do B Br	127	..	11.8	9.3	..
180	116	Prudential	156	-2	9.5	6.1	..
152	94	Refuge	136	-2	10.5	7.7	..
490	290	Royal	378	-15	23.6	6.2	..
306	224	Sedg. Forbes	315	-5	14.5	4.6	13.6
111	89	Stenhouse	100	..	6.1	6.1	7.8
662	385	Sun Alliance	527	-18	30.5	5.8	..
137	65	Sun Life	99	-2	4.7	4.8	..
175	112	Trade-Indem'ty	165	..	12.0	7.3	..
310	195	Willis Faber	280	-2	11.9	4.6	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
142	104	Aberdeen Trst	126	..	7.1	5.6	24.4
224	166	Alliance Trust	199	-1	9.6a	4.8	27.8
49	31 1/2	Amer Trust	39 1/2	..	1.8a	4.6	36.2
100	79	Ang-Amer Secs	87 1/2	..	4.1	4.6	30.1
52	32	Anglo Int Inv	48 1/2	..	4.4	9.1	17.0
137	87	Do Ass	122	..	..	..	..
44 1/2	31	Anglo Scot	39 1/2	..	2.4	6.3	25.0
132 1/2	92 1/2	Ashdown Inv	113 1/2	● ..	6.1	5.4	26.4
83	35	ABC Regional	61 1/2	+1/2	0.8	1.5	52.6
90 1/2	59	Atlantic Assets	79	..	0.6	0.8	..
82	40	Atlas Electric	54	..	2.4	4.5	32.1
61 1/2	39 1/4	Bankers Inv	53 1/2	..	3.5b	6.5	22.1
56	40	Berry Trust	51	..	1.3	2.6	56.0
299 1/2	208 1/2	Border & Sthrn	258 1/2	..	11.4	4.4	32.0
41 1/2	30	Brit Am & Gen	38 1/2	-1/2	2.3	6.3	24.7
71 1/2	49	Brit Assets Tst	62 1/2	..	3.3	5.3	28.7
12	7 1/2	Brit Emp Sec	11 1/4	..	0.9	8.1	16.1
165	116	Brit Invest	146	h ..	6.8	4.7	33.5
149	102 1/2	Broadstone	136 1/2	-2	7.2	5.3	29.0
88 1/2	63	Brunner	80 1/2	..	5.4	6.5	23.0
76	42	Brycourt Inv	74	..	3.3	4.4	33.4
86	43	CLRP Inv	61	..	2.9	4.7	25.7
243	187	Caledonia Inv	241	-4	12.6	5.3	36.6
79 1/2	56	Caledonian Tst	62	..	2.6	4.3	40.5
69 1/2	52	Do B	59	..	..	..	..
124 1/2	91	Capital & Natl	110 1/2	..	6.8	6.2	..
117 1/2	84 1/2	Do B	106 1/2	..	..	..	..
107 1/2	73	Cardinal 'Dfd'	95 1/2	..	5.1	5.3	..
113 1/2	86 1/2	Carliol Inv	99 1/2	..	5.7	5.7	26.5
67	46	Cedar Inv	63	..	3.8	6.0	23.9
59	40	Charter Trust	51 1/2	..	3.3	6.3	23.2
69 1/2	54	Clydesdale Inv	61 1/2	+1/2	2.7	4.4	39.4
68	49	Do B	59	..	..	..	..
11 1/4	8 1/2	Common Mkt	£11	..	20.5g	1.9	..
209 1/2	152 1/2	Cont & Ind	183 1/2	+1	9.1	5.0	31.5
128 1/2	102	Crescent Japan	118 1/2	..	..	..	..
82	48	Crossfriars	76	+2	5.1	6.7	22.1
39 1/2	14 1/2	Cumulus	29 1/2	..	1.2	4.1	36.9
100	80	Dalta Inv	80	..	..	..	..
219	133	Derby Tst 'Inc'	202	● ..	20.4	10.0	15.1
170	86	Do Cap	155	..	..	..	..
135	100	Drayton Com	115	+1	6.2	5.3	31.6
146	115	Drayton Cons	130	..	7.1	5.5	34.5
196	150	Do Premier	171	..	9.2	5.4	28.6
65	40 1/2	Dundee & Ldn	58	..	3.5	6.0	24.5
168	115	Edin & Dundee	168	h ..	8.3b	4.9	..
98 1/2	65	Edin Amer Ass	89	..	1.7	1.9	56.3
229	164	Edinburgh Inv	210	..	9.6b	4.5	36.4
79 1/2	50	Elec & Gen	61	..	2.2b	3.6	37.9
92 1/2	68 1/2	Eng & Int	83 1/2	..	5.3	6.4	22.2
76	54 1/2	Eng & N York	68	..	3.8b	5.6	29.3
283	177 1/4	Estate Duties	278	..	11.3	4.1	32.8
93	69	First Scot Am	79	..	4.3	5.5	31.2
153	117	Foreign & Colnl	136	..	4.4	3.2	47.1
131	88	Gt Japan Inv	100	● ..	2.3	2.3	48.3
148 1/2	100	Gen Funds 'Ord'	129 1/2	..	6.3	4.9	39.6
117 1/2	78	Do Conv	102 1/2	..	..	..	..
106	74 1/4	Gen Inv & Tsts	84	-1	5.2	6.2	27.5
84	65	Gen Scottish	76	+1/2	4.6	6.1	24.7
87 1/2	64	Glendevon	75	+1	2.6	3.4	52.8
122 1/2	70	Globe Trust	102	..	6.2b	6.1	22.9
78	49	Grange Trust	71	● ..	3.2	4.5	31.4
110	75	Great Northern	97	● ..	5.9	6.0	24.6
86	61 1/2	Greenfriar	76	● ..	2.2	3.0	40.3
52	27	Gresham Hse	48	..	4.6	8.8	12.4
84 1/2	57	Guardian	75	..	3.6	4.7	31.4
94	61	Hambros	84	..	5.1	6.0	25.8
94	38	Harcros	80	h -1	2.9	3.6	40.0
196 1/2	122	Hill P. Inv	174	..	10.8	6.2	24.7
79	42	Hume Hldgs A	75	+1	6.4	8.5	19.0
53 1/4	36 1/2	Indus & General	45 1/4	..	2.2	4.7	29.7
76	52	Internat Inv	70 1/2	..	3.6b	5.0	26.0
123	89 1/2	Invest in Suc	108 1/2	..	4.0b	3.7	53.2
209	162	Inv Tst Corp	183	..	9.2	5.0	29.6
75	59 1/2	Inv Cap Trst	64 1/2	+1/2	2.5	3.9	35.6
132 1/2	104	Jardine Japan	104	..	1.1	1.0	..
143	106	Jersey Ext	107	..	..	..	..
90	66	Lake View Inv	80 1/2	-1/2	3.3	4.1	34.0
101	68	Law Deb Corp	96	..	6.2	6.4	23.1
111	84	Ldn & Holyrood	102 1/2	..	5.0	4.9	31.8
181	139	Ldn & Montrose	167	..	8.3	5.0	31.0
109	84	Ldn & Prov Tst	97	..	4.7	4.8	31.3
95	34	Ldn Merch Sec	78	..	2.1	2.7	..
94 1/2	31	Do Cap	77	+1	..	..	..
71	44	Ldn Pru Invest	67	..	4.2b	6.3	28.3
193	125	Ldn Trust	188	..	12.1b	6.4	24.5
39 1/4	26	Mercantile Inv	35 1/2	..	1.5	4.3	36.9
77 1/2	56	Merchants Trust	65 1/2	..	3.9b	6.0	28.5
50	40 1/2	Monks Inv	44 1/4	..	2.1	4.7	30.7
85	47	Moorgate Inv	80	..	4.6	5.8	24.7
22	11 1/2	New Throg 'Inc'	20	..	2.3	11.7	15.0
123	24	Do Cap	89	..	..	..	..
94	74 1/2	North Atlantic	82	..	4.1	5.0	28.5
100	71	Northern Amer	86	..	4.3	5.0	30.3
101	64	Northern Sec	100	..	5.0b	5.0	23.4
66	45	Oil & Associated	59	..	3.0	5.0	28.5
118	88	Pentland	107	..	5.2	4.8	28.0
75	60	Progressive Sec	68	..	4.0	5.9	25.0
123	98	Raeburn	110	● +2	5.6	5.1	26.3
177	108	River & Merc	159	-1	11.5	7.3	20.3
144	85 1/2	River Plate	138	..	8.2	5.9	..
89	69	Romney Trust	77 1/2	..	3.8	4.9	32.0
187	104 1/2	Rothschild	164	..	8.5	5.2	24.8
71	44	Safeguard	69	..	5.5	7.9	18.3
88	57 1/2	Scot Amer	79	-1/2	3.8	4.8	..
60	35 1/2	Scot&Cont'l Inv	60	+16 1/2	1.8	3.0	67.2
131	49	Scot & Merc 'A'	125	-1 1/2	4.6	3.7	27.4
132	103	Scot Eastern	117	-1/2	3.7b	4.9	31.2
38 1/2	25	Scot European	35 1/2	+1/2	2.3b	6.4	25.9
99 1/2	75	Scot Invest	87 1/2	..	3.9	4.4	32.8
118 1/2	91 1/2	Scot Mortgage	101	..	4.6b	4.5	31.8
148 1/2	111	Scot National	130 1/2	..	5.2	4.0	34.2
100	70	Scot Northern	90 1/2	..	4.2	4.7	30.4
87 1/2	72	Scot United	78	-1/2	3.0	4.0	49.0
88 1/2	70	Scot Western	76	..	3.2	4.1	42.5
88 1/2	64 1/2	Do B	74 1/2	-1	..	..	..
191 1/2	143	Sec Alliance	171	-1 1/2	8.5	5.0	29.2
79 1/2	61 1/2	Sec Gt Northern	68 1/2	-1/2	2.8	4.1	41.0
79 1/2	58	Do B	67 1/2	-1	..	..	40.4
174	132	Sterling Trust	154	..	7.6	4.9	31.2
94 1/2	67 1/4	Stockholders	83	..	3.1	3.7	38.6
104	82	Throg Sec 'Cap'	92	..	..	..	..
73	43 1/2	Throgmtn Trust	66	-1/2	6.6	10.0	15.0
164 1/2	125	Trans-Oceanic	151	..	7.8	5.0	28.7
676	575	Tribune Inv	580	..	18.3b	3.2	37.8
67 1/2	46 1/2	Triplevest 'Inc'	63 1/2	..	6.4	10.0	15.2
179	94	Do Cap	138	..	..	..	..
139	92	Trustees Corp	126	..	6.4	5.0	29.4
111	87 1/2	Tyneside Inv	97	h ..	5.7b	5.8	17.4
125	97	Utd Brit Secs	112	..	6.4	5.7	26.1
95	74 1/2	Utd States Deb	82 1/2	..	4.6b	5.6	24.5
190	143	Utd States Gen	172	● +1	9.0	5.2	25.1
104	69 1/2	Viking Res	88	+2	1.4	1.6	71.7
194	140	W'bottom Trust	177	..	7.0	3.9	37.6
86	63	Witan Inv	79 1/2	..	3.3b	4.2	..
83	61	Do B	70	..	0.1	0.1	..
171	111	Yeoman Tst	165	..	10.5b	6.3	24.2
39	17	Yorks & Lancs	28	..	2.1b	7.3	20.3
80	50	Young Co Inv	74	..	5.0b	6.8	21.6

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
321	215	Brit & Comm	280	-4	13.0	4.7	9.6
152	54	Fisher J.	117	..	2.2	1.9	11.5
355	207	Furness Withy	321	-4	11.9	3.7	6.4
305	140	Hunting Gibson	204	-6	16.4	8.0	2.8
40 1/2	24 1/4	Jacobs J. I.	39	+1	2.8	7.3	11.5
67 1/4	33 1/2	Ldn & O'seas Fr	36	-1	5.1	14.2	..
270	215	Manch Liners	255	..	7.6	3.0	30.3
179	123 1/2	Ocean Trans	125	-1	11.8	9.4	3.3
172	109	P & O 'Dfd'	109	-1	9.6	8.8	7.5
128	100	Runciman W	109	-1	12.6	11.5	7.9

MINES

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
530	370	Anglo Am Coal	445	..	27.0	6.1	..
322	190	Anglo Am Corp	266	+2	20.9g	7.8	..
17 1/2	11 1/4	Ang Am Gold	£15 3/4	+1/4	97.2	6.2	..
33 1/2	19	Anglo Am Inv	£30 3/4	..	303	10.0	..
9 1/2	6 1/4	Anglo Transvl	£9 1/4	..	66.1	10.2	..
9 1/4	6 1/4	Do A	£9 1/4	..	66.1	10.2	..
11 1/4	8 1/4	Asarco	£16 1/4	..	36.5	2.0	..
387	236	Ayer Hitam	265	..	97.1	36.1	..
68	26	Berais Tin	50	..	6.2	12.3	..
417	249	Blyvoors	305	-5	33.5	11.0	..
46	16	Botswana RST	16	..	..	..	..
98	55	Bracken Mines	79	..	16.5	20.9	..
127	67	BH South	72	+2	..e	..	..
10 11/16	5 1/4	Buffelsfontein	£8 1/4	+1/4	94.5	10.8	..
154	108	Charter Cons	125	-1	11.8	9.4	..
220 1/2	136	Cons Gold Fields	189	-5	11.7	6.2	..
311	185	De Beers 'Dfd'	281	-3	26.4	9.1	..
325	145	Doornfontein	285	-4	16.7	6.5	..
360	133	Durban Rood	350	+10	..e	..	..
35	9	East Daggs	25	+1	..	..	
730	425	E Driefontein	641	-1	48.5	7.6	
477	177	E Rand Prop	394	+9	..e	..	
59	29	El Oro M & Ex	66	..	1.5	2.8	
154	64	Elsburg Gold	142	-3	5.4	3.8	
14 1/2	8 1/4	F S Geduld	£13 11/16	+1/16	138	11.6	
570	217	Geevor Tin	480	+5	30.3		
17 1/2	12	Gen Mining	£14 1/4	..	138		
326	185	Gopeng Cons	265	● +2	22.7		
141	52	Grootvlei	132	-2	11.9		
310	160	Hamersley	162	+2	..		
113	77	Hampton Gold	93	..	2.2		
469	235	Harmony	394	+3	33.0		
13 1/2	7 1/4	Hartebeest	£10 1/4	+1/4	91.2		
15	10 1/4	Jo'burg Cons	£12 1/4	-1/4	104		
382	200	Kinross	339	+1	22.4		
378	290	Kloof	475	..	18.7		
72	20	Leslie	48	-1	2.0		
544	175	Libanon	489	-6	49.7		
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	62	..	1.7		
242	123	MIM Hldgs	130	+4	5.7		
85	41	MTD (Mangula)	43	..	12.6		
410	220	Malayan Tin	265	..	..		
121	46	Marievale Con	88	-2	28.8		
195	83	Messina Trans	90	..	19.0		
36	10	Metals Explor	13	+1	..		
230	125	Middle Wits	160	-8	14.2		
164	125	Minorco	195	..	6.9		
480	250	Nthgate Explor	257	..	51.2		
46	28	Pahang Cons	43	..	3.8		
555	345	Peko Wallsend	405	+10	..		
10 1/2	6 1/2	Pres Brand	£9	+1/4	85.8		
7 1/2	4 1/2	Pres Steyn	£6 9/16	-1/16	13.2		
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	130	+15	8.3		
34 1/2	19	Randfontein	£33 1/4	+1/4	[illegible]		
246	172	Rio Tinto Zinc	173	-7	13.9b		
185	52	Roan Cons 'B'	60	..	..		
96	60	Rustenburg	74	-1	..		
90	35	Saint Piran	54	..	3.0		
12 1/2	6 9/16	St Helena	£7 5/8	-1/8	78.9		
500	370	Selection Tst	388	-2	25.3		
231	118	Sentrust	187	+3	19.9		
97	39	SA Land	73	-1	..e		
76	55	South Crofty	60	+1	6.3		
510	235	Southvaal	489	+7	131		
305	160	Sthn Malayan	245	..	18.2		
160	57	Sungei Besi	144	+5	..		
164	116	Tang Cons	124	..	11.0		
103	42	Tanjong Tin	100	● ..	10.2		
290	207 1/4	Tharsis Sulph	250	..	..		
12 1/4	8 1/2	Transvaal Cons	£12	..	61.4		
200	93	Tronoh Mines	157	+2	7.0		
230	117	UC Invest	222	+2	20.1		
294	165	Union Corp	232	+8	23.8		
14 1/2	8	Vaal Reefs	£11 11/16	+1/16	77.0		
288	70	Venterspost	271	+3	71.5		
42	27	Wankie Colliery	38	..	7.0		
253	118	Welkom	227	+6	23.1		
23	13 1/4	W Driefontein	£18	+1/4	174		
209	113	W Rand Cons	146	-1	8.2		
242	110	Western Areas	227	+2	8.2		
8 1/2	5	Western Deep	£6 1/16	..	61.3		
17	10 1/2	Western Hldgs	£15 7/16	-1/4	185		
104	84	Western Mining	96	+2	3.8		
671	380	Winkelhaak	648	-1	56.7		
29 1/2	10 1/2	Zambia Copper	10 1/2	..	..		

OIL

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence
68	44	Ampol Pet	58	+1	3.4
120	47	Attock	112	f ..	6.5
196	128	Brit Borneo	152	..	9.3
960	776	BP	776	-6	33.5
83	41	Burmah Oil	54	+1	..e
66 1/2	44 1/2	Century Oils	51	+2	3.7
34 1/2	18 1/2	Charterhall	25	..	..
18 1/4	12 1/4	C F Petroles	£13 1/2	..	156
44	24	KCA Int	31	..	0.2
195	162	Lasmo	176	-2	..
415	265	Do Ops	368	-2	..
109 1/2	84 1/2	Do 14% Ln	£101 1/2	..	1400
322	77	Oil Exploration	230	-2	2.9
22 1/2	8	Premier Cons	17	+1/2	..
23 1/4	14 1/4	Ranger Oil	£18	..	..
3 1/4	1 1/2	Reynolds Div	1 1/2	..	..
50 1/2	35 1/2	Royal Dutch	£37 1/4	+1/4	147
632	458	Shell Trans	484	-6	23.9
202	104	Tricentrol	150	..	17.1
266	134	Ultramar	228	..	..
156	84	Do 7% Cnv	137	..	10.6

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence
80 1/2	29 1/2	Allied Ldn	50	..	2.8
230	127	Allnatt Ldn	215	-4	5.9
242	114	Apex Props	227	-6	5.3
18 1/2	11	Aquis Secs	16	..	0.9
101	46 1/2	Beaumont Prop	88	-5	4.9
57	23 1/2	Bellway Hldgs	50	-1	4.0
137	59	Berkeley Hmbro	98	-3	4.6
186	130	Bilton Percy	177	..	9.4
183	116	Do Accum	173	..	0.3
234	118	Bradford Prop	222	-4	9.4
47 1/2	22	British Land	35	-1	..
116	56 1/2	Brixton Estate	104	-1	2.5
81	10	Cap & Counties	47	-1 1/2	1.1
330	141	Chesterfield	285	-5	5.1
14 1/2	6 1/2	Chown Secs	10 1/2	-1 1/2	..
270	145	Churchbury Est	267	-3	[illegible]
84	37 1/2	City Offices	58	-1	[illegible]
172	114	Corn Exchange	162	..	[illegible]
27 1/2	17	Country & New T	24 1/2	-1	[illegible]
91	35	County & Dist	81	-2	[illegible]
69	33 1/2	Daejan Hldgs	67 1/2	-4	[illegible]
51 1/2	34	Eng Prop	38 1/2	-2	[illegible]
20 1/2	11	Estates & Gen	19	-1	[illegible]
87	35	Estates Prop	84	-2	[illegible]
100	32	Evans of Leeds	89	-1	[illegible]
330	200	Gt Portland	310	-4	[illegible]
87	52	Guildhall	82	-1	[illegible]
395	310	Hammerson 'A'	372	-8	[illegible]
260	152	Haslemere Ests	235	-5	[illegible]
231	142	Land Secs	211	-5	[illegible]
56	32 1/2	Law Land	45	-1 1/2	[illegible]
93	46 1/2	Ldn & Prov Sh	83	-3	[illegible]
74	40	Ldn-Shop	63	-3	[illegible]
133	69	Lynton Hldgs	126	-2	[illegible]
134	45	MEPC	120	-2	[illegible]
22	8	Marler Estates	21	..	..
38	26	Midhurst Whites	35 1/2	-1/2	..
122	46	Mucklow A & J.	114	..	[illegible]
160	108	Municipal	155	..	[illegible]
83	28	Peachey Prop	74	-1	[illegible]
315	180	Prop & Rever	303	-5	[illegible]
315	178	Do A	303	-5	[illegible]
347	216	Prop Hldgs	320	-10	[illegible]
156	44	Prop Sec	138	● -4	[illegible]
6 1/4	3	Raglan Prop	5 1/4	..	..
85	31	Regional	80	..	[illegible]
77	30	Do A	62 1/2	-3	[illegible]
115	29	Rush & Tompkins	108	-2	[illegible]
119	38 1/2	Scot Met Props	103	-2	[illegible]
177	77	Slough Ests	116	-3	[illegible]
268	158	Stock Conv	248	-8	[illegible]
228	90	Sunley B.	204	-4	[illegible]
17	5	Town & City	15	-1	[illegible]
97	41	Trafford Park	87	-3	[illegible]
34	10 1/2	UK Props	23 1/2	-1	..
20	7 1/2	Webb J.	19	-1/2	[illegible]
19	10 1/2	W'mster & C'ty	18 1/2	-1/2	..

RUBBER

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
93	34	Anglo-Indonesia	92	+1
37 1/2	15	Bradwall FMS	37 1/2	+1/2
187	82	Castlefield	184	-1
56	25	Chersonese	54	..
105	74 1/2	Cons Plant	102 1/2	-1/2
56	13	Doranakande	56	..
57	27 1/4	Gadek Malaysia	52	..
10	5 1/2	Grand Central	10	..
250	155	Guthrie Corp	318	-2
79 1/2	48	Harrisons Malay	75	-1/2
64	38 1/2	Highlds & Low	64	+1
145	67	Hongkong	145	..
210	125	Killinghall	210	..
34 1/2	23	Kulim Malaysia	32 1/2	..
128	44	Ldn Sumatra	114	h ..
56	22 1/2	Majedie	54	..
33 1/2	18 1/2	Malayalam	30 1/2	h -1
33	12 1/2	Muar River	32 1/2	..
66 1/2	34	Plant Hldgs	62 1/2	-1/2
22 1/2	10 1/2	Sungei Krian	22 1/2	..

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
390	147	Assam Frontier	290	..
116	32	Assam Inv	112	+2
240	95	Camellia Inv	197	..
140	22	Deundi	137	h +2
250	123	Jokai	225	+2
245	120	McLeod Russel	230	..
410	124	Moran	390	..
95	15	Surmah Valley	95	..
202	102	Warren Plant	187	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge
10 1/4	7 13/16	Algoma Cen Rly	£9 1/2	+1/16
71	40	Calcutta Elec	70	+2
32	43	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£32	..
38 1/4	31 1/2	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£38 1/4	..
54	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£52	..
450	342	Imp Cont Gas	343	..
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£37 1/4	..
92	46	Milford Docks	78	..
278	140	Nigerian Elec	220	..
38 1/4	31 1/2	Sunderland Wtr	£38 1/4	..

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	Index No.	Div. Yield %	Ear[nings] Yi[eld] %
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The Times Industrial Share Index	193.59	6.87	12.
Largest Coys.	194.65	6.50	11.
Smaller Coys.	190.17	7.39	14.
Capital Goods	227.35	6.61	14.
Consumer Goods	208.30	7.01	12.
Store Shares	166.40	6.32	5.
Largest financial shares	215.16	5.65	
Largest financial and industrial shares	198.56	6.35	
Commodity shares	200.20	5.86	12.
Gold Mining shares	283.85	9.92	17
Industrial debenture stocks	55.13	6.22*	
Industrial preference stocks	63.38	11.94*	
3½% War Loan	36¼	9.85*	

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1975	158.92 (19.11.75)	61.4[illegible]
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The University of Leeds
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Applications are invited for the post of

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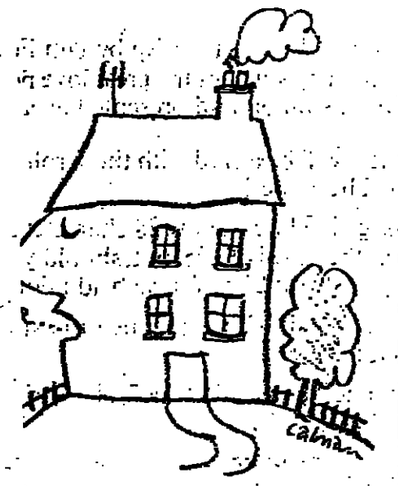
to assist with research in the Department of Pure and Applied Zoology at the University's Field Station. Candidates should have a degree in agricultural science or biological science, and must be prepared to look after animals as well as carry out physiological and ecological work.

The appointment is available immediately for a period up to 31 July 1979. Salary will be on the IB Scale for Other Related Staff (£2,904 to £3,811 under review).

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference number 56/3/A. Closing date for applications 22 February 1978.

The University of Sheffield
LECTURER IN
CRIMINOLOGY AND
SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES

Applications are invited from men and women for the above post, tenable from 1 September, 1978. The primary teaching responsibility will be courses in Philosophy of Social Science and Research Methods for postgraduate students in Criminological Studies and Socio-Legal Studies. Candidates should ideally be specialists in methodology whilst also having a strong substantive interest in Criminology and/or Socio-Legal Studies. Initial salary in range £3,333-£5,319 a year on scale rising to £6,655 a year plus superannuation. Particulars from the Registrar and Secretary, The University, Sheffield S10 2TN, to whom applications (5 copies) should be sent by 20 February, 1978. Quote Ref. R.69/A.



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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Zambia

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LECTURER

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Detailed applications (two copies) and curriculum vitae and naming three referees to be sent to Registrar, University of Zambia, P O Box 32379, Lusaka, Zambia by 28th February, 1978.

Applicants resident in UK should send one copy to the Inter University Council, 29/35 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0DT. Further particulars may be obtained from either address.

The University of Lancaster
LECTURER
IN SOCIAL WORK
IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF SOCIAL
ADMINISTRATION

Applications are invited for the post of Lecturer in Social Work, tenable from 1 September 1978, in the Department of Social Administration. Preference will be given to candidates with a community orientation. Special interest in care of the elderly, residential care or research would be an additional advantage.

Salary scale £3,333—£6,555.

Further particulars may be obtained (quoting reference 151/D) from the Establishment Officer, University House, Lancaster LA1 4YW to whom applications (nine copies) naming three referees should be sent not later than 3 March, 1978.

University of Bristol
COMPUTING
APPLICATIONS GROUP
DEPARTMENT OF
ARCHITECTURE

Applications for a Research Assistantship are invited from graduates, with a good degree in Mathematics, Computing Science or Cybernetics, to be engaged in research into a data management system for use in design. Experience of Fuzzy Set theory would be desirable and a knowledge of Fortran essential.

The research is funded by the S.R.C., who also support computing facilities consisting of a DEC PDP 11 computer with G.T.33 graphics and a CETEC plotter and digitiser.

Commencing salary will be up to £3,547 per annum (under review).

Please apply to R. J. Phillips, Computing Applications Group, Department of Architecture, University of Bristol, 91, Woodland Road, Bristol BS8 1UB. Telephone 24161, Extensions 318 or 438, giving a curriculum vitae and the names of two referees. Closing date 20th February, 1978. Please state the publication in which you saw this advertisement.

The University of Leeds
DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL ENGINEERING

Applications are invited for a post of up to three years' duration to take effect as soon as possible as

TEMPORARY
LABORATORY
INSTRUCTOR

in Civil Engineering. Candidates should preferably have experience in the detailing and design of structures and be capable of assisting in laboratory work.

Applicants should have a degree or HND in Civil Engineering.

Salary on the IB Scale for Other Related Staff £2,904—£3,811 under review.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference number 64/9/A. Closing date for applications, 22 February 1978.

University of Bristol
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ENGINEERING

Research on the Aseismic Design of Embankment Dams

The Department of Civil Engineering currently holds two S.R.C. CASE awards with Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners and with Howard Humphreys, for research in the design of embankment dams against earthquakes. The required experimental and computational facilities are available for this work, for which the award of the Ph.D., may be expected.

Interested candidates with at least an upper second class honours degree in engineering, physics or mathematics are asked to write as soon as possible to the Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Bristol, Queens Building, University Walk, Bristol, BS8 1TR.

The University of Leeds
DEPARTMENT OF
LINGUISTICS
AND PHONETICS

Applications are invited for the post of

SENIOR LECTURER

in Phonetics in the new Department of Linguistics and Phonetics, to be formed from 1 October 1978 by the merging of the present separate Departments of Linguistics and of Phonetics. Preference will be given to a candidate with broad interests in view of the forthcoming merger. A knowledge of instrumental and acoustic Phonetics is essential, as is a strong interest in research. The appointment will be from 1 October 1978 or from a date thereafter to be arranged.

Salary on the Senior Lecturer scale £6,333 to £7,961 (under review).

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT, quoting reference number 147/A. Closing date for applications 20 February, 1978.

University of Aberdeen
LECTURESHIP IN
MENTAL HEALTH

Applications are invited for the above post from Medical Practitioners with at least three years' experience in Psychiatry. The Lecturer will take part in the Departmental Teaching Programme (with clinical placement in the professorial team based on the Ross Clinic and an appropriate NHS appointment. The person appointed will be expected to join one of the research teams operating in the Department.

Salary on scale £4,056 to £7,227 with appropriate placing, plus superannuation.

Further particulars from The Secretary, The University, Aberdeen, with whom applications (2 copies) should be lodged by 24 February 1978.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Cape Town
FACULTY OF MUSIC
SENIOR LECTURER IN
MUSIC (VIOLIN)

Applications are invited for this post in the College of Music, currently vacant. Appointment, according to qualifications and experience, will be made on the salary scale R6 and by R600 to R7 000 by R60 to R71 280 per annum, plus a pensionable allowance of 10 per cent of basic salary.

Applicants should be concert violinists, currently performing, and must have had teaching experience at the tertiary level.

The successful applicant will be required to organize the work in the string section. He will be required to teach violin playing to students individually, and to oversee the training of young pupils in groups. He will also be required to lecture on violin method and repertoire of the violin, and to coach student groups in chamber music. Apart from solo string quartet and general chamber music performing, the successful applicant will, among other things, be required to train the string orchestra and lead the University orchestra.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, stating present salary, when available if appointed, and the names and addresses of three referees.

Memoranda concerning the position and general conditions of service should be obtained from the Registrar, Room 1, University of Cape Town, Private Bag, Rondebosch 7700, by whom applications must be received not later than 31st March, 1978.

The University of Birmingham
FACULTY OF COMMERCE
AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF
ACCOUNTING

Arising from the absence of a member of staff to take up a visiting appointment overseas, a vacancy exists for a

TEMPORARY LECTURER

for a period of 12 months from 1st October 1978. The work of the department is expanding and developing rapidly in almost every direction, so there is no requirement that the successful candidate should undertake the specific duties formerly dealt with by the person he or she is replacing. Accordingly, applications are sought from suitably qualified graduates, capable of teaching at both undergraduate and post-graduate level.

Salary scale £3,333 to £6,655 p.a. (under review) plus superannuation. The appointment will be made on one of the first six points of this scale, i.e. to £4,405.

Further particulars and application forms from the Assistant Registrar (Commerce), University of Birmingham, P.O. Box 363, Birmingham B15 2TT, to whom three copies of the form, naming three referees, should be returned by Friday, 17th February quoting reference C 305/1.

University of Adelaide
invites applications for appointment as a
RESEARCH FELLOW

in the Department of Pure Mathematics to work with Dr J. R. Michael on an investigation of parametric minimal surfaces and related surfaces with emphasis on topological properties and boundary behaviour.

The successful applicant will be required to work on problems of parametric minimal surfaces or related problems. The post is available until 31 December, 1978 and will not be extended beyond that date.

SALARY SCALE: $A14,851-15,525-16,198-$A16,867: appointment will be made within the range according to qualifications and previous experience. There is no provision for superannuation. A economy class air fare will be paid to the Fellow if appointed outside South Australia.

APPLICATIONS, in duplicate, and giving particulars of age and marital status, details of academic record and experience, and names and addresses of two referees should reach the Registrar of the University G.P.O. Box 498, Adelaide, South Australia, 5001 not later than 24 February 1978.

The University of Lancaster
DEPARTMENT OF
PHYSICS
A POST DOCTORAL
FELLOW

is required to join a group working on the Biophysics of synthetic membranes under the direction of Professor R. M. Dreyfus. The person appointed will make use of techniques currently under development to form bilipid films on solid substrates. It is intended to form layers containing various active bio-molecules and to study their electrical and optical properties.

Applicants should be graduates in biochemistry, biophysics or biology and should possess, or be about to obtain, a Ph.D. in a relevant field. The appointment is for two years.

Salary £3,761-£5,975.

Further particulars may be obtained (ref. reference 125/A) from the Establishment Officer, University House, Lancaster, LA1 4YW, to whom applications (five copies) naming three referees should be sent not later than 1 March, 1978.

University of Aberdeen
LECTURESHIP IN
THERAPEUTICS AND
CLINICAL
PHARMACOLOGY
(REGISTRAR GRADE)

Applications are invited for above post with clinical, research and teaching duties. MRCP essential. The appointment is suitable for higher training in general medicine, and a medical speciality, the Department's special interests being endocrinology, diabetes and clinical pharmacology.

Salary on scale £4,056—£7,227 per annum, with appropriate placing.

Further particulars from The Secretary, The University, Aberdeen, with whom applications (two copies) should be lodged by 24 February 1978.

University of Leicester
FACULTY OF LAW
TWO LECTURESHIPS
IN LAW

Applications are invited from graduates for two Lectureships in the Faculty of Law.

Salary according to qualifications and experience on the scale £3,333 to £6,655 a year (under review), with superannuation benefits.

Further particulars from the Registrar to whom applications should be sent on the form provided not later than 20 February 1978, quoting reference TLL.

University of Reading
LECTURESHIP IN
ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Economics. No particular sphere of interest will be specified. The appointment will date from 1 October, 1978.

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Directorate of Hydraulic Engineering

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Dated this 23rd day of January, 1978.
M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

Re: CONTRACT COPYING SERVICES Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday, 3rd March, 1978 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Ian Peter Phillips, F.C.A. at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH, the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 28th day of January, 1978.
IAN PETER PHILLIPS, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant.

The Companies Acts 1948 to 1967
BENROSE STAPLING Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situate at 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W.1 on Friday, the 10th day of February 1978, at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
Dated this 25th day of January 1978.
By Order of the Board,
BEN ROSE, Director.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Dated this 24th day of January, 1978.
P. MONJACK, Liquidator.

F. G. HARBOTT ASBESTOS Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held in the Board room on the Ground Floor of 25 Essex Street, London, WC2R 3AW, on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1978, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a list of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Committee of Inspection.
Dated this 30th day of January, 1978.
By Order of the Board,
J. E. HARBOTT, Chairman.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of PYRC (UK) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sectin 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of February 1978, at 11.15 a.m. to be followed at 11.30 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
Dated this 24th day of January, 1978.
M. A. Jordan, Liquidator.

In the Matter of HUGE SUCCESS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP are required, on or before the 7th day of March, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Philip Womack, F.C.A., of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London, W1A 3BA, the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 24th day of January, 1978.
P. MONJACK, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of CENTURY PSI Limited (Formerly Pre-Fitting Surveys Limited) (In Voluntary Liquidation)
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Dated this 23rd day of January, 1978.
M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1976 and in the Matter of CENTURY MU Limited (Formerly Mitchell Construction Kinnear Moodie (Overseas) Limited) (In Voluntary Liquidation).
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of Guildhall House, 81/87, Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7DS, on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1978, at 11.05 a.m. to be followed at 11.10 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.
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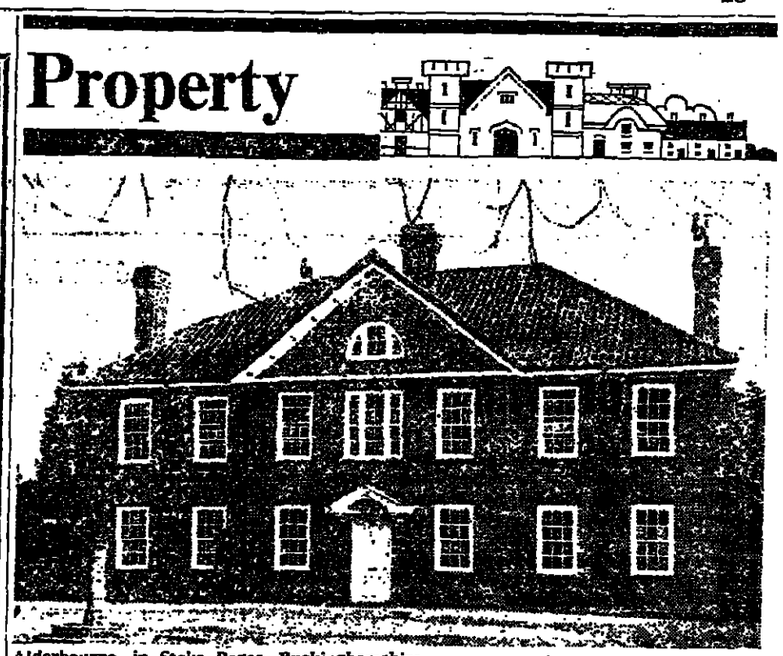
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The appeal seems to be as strong as that felt for thatched cottages by another kind of buyer, who will often comb the countryside to find what he wants. In both instances when the right property is found he will probably be willing to pay a little over the odds to secure it.

One good example of a converted property of character which still offers scope for additional treatment is one called Brookhill Hall Stables, the former stables and coach house belonging to Brookhill Hall, at Pinxton, Derbyshire.

The mansion was sold by the present vendor some years ago, but he retained this range of buildings for conversion. The main accommodation includes a galleried drawing room 36ft long, a sitting room, combined kitchen and dining room and two bedrooms.

Immediately adjoining is a cottage section which needs redecoration, but could be incorporated into the house. This, at present, has a sitting room, three bedrooms and its own kitchen and bathroom. Grounds extend to about 2½ acres and include the former walled kitchen garden. Offers in the region of £40,000 are being asked through Strutt and Parker, of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

Much more unusual is High Level Cottage, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, a brick and slate bungalow which was originally the main building of the former Savernake High Level railway station. It was converted into an ordinary house after the closure of a Western Region branch line. Accommodation includes two reception rooms and three large bedrooms, but some improvement is needed.

Almost 3½ acres of grounds go with the property, and these include such items as the old signal box and water tower. Offers of about £25,000 are being asked through Humberts, of Pewsey.

More in the usual line of conversions is The Old Mill, at Clifford Chambers, close to Stratford-upon-Avon. This was converted a few years back from an original eighteenth-century water mill, and still has its old mill wheel. As is often to be found with this type of old building the accommodation is ample for family needs. There are three reception rooms and five bedrooms, and outbuildings include a barn.

About four acres of grounds go with the house, a feature of which is a frontage of some 400 yards to the River Stour, a tributary of the Warwickshire Avon. Offers in the region of £50,000 are looked for and the agents are Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Chipping Campden.

Architecturally interesting is Bridge House, which stands about half a mile from the centre of the village of Lavenham, in Suffolk. Thought to be of Tudor origins it is constructed with a massive timber frame, and has an outer shell of rendered and colour-washed brick. Internally, the construction is lath and plaster.

Features are some fine old fireplaces, exposed timbers and much original flooring. There are a large entrance hall, two reception rooms, a utility room which was formerly the dairy, three main bedrooms on the first floor and a further two on the second.

The garden, which has a number of trees, runs to about two-thirds of an acre. Offers of about £45,000 are being asked and the agents are Sworder, of Sudbury.

Good views are a feature of The Moyle House, in Tupwood Lane, Caterham, which is sited about 700ft above sea level. The house is a modern single-storey building built on the site of a large Victorian mansion, parts of which are incorporated in the present building.

Main accommodation consists of two reception rooms, a games room and four bedrooms, and in addition there is a self-contained flat with a reception room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. The property is being offered with about 7½ acres at something over £70,000, but it could be bought with less land if required. The agents are Knight Frank and Rutley.

Neo-Georgian building is not entirely a modern concept, as evidenced by a property called Alderbourne, in Stoke Poges Lane, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. The building is very much in the classical tradition but was built in 1912, though with some later additions.

Rooms have the good proportions associated with the style and the main accommodation includes a large hall, a drawing room about 32ft long, a panelled dining room, a study and five bedrooms. Further accommodation on the second floor is arranged as a self-contained suite and consists of two more rooms and a kitchenette. Gardens and grounds run to about 2½ acres. The price is £75,000 and the agents are Giddy and Giddy, of Slough.

Unusual and with a good deal of elegance is a small terraced town house at 5 Exmouth Place, in Old Town, Hastings, Sussex. It was built about 1820 and has views over the old fishing harbour. A good point for this kind of house is that it has an integral garage at lower ground floor level, together with a utility room and other storage.

Accommodation includes a dining or reception hall, a drawing room and a bedroom on the first floor and two more bedrooms on the second. The price is £28,500 through Braxton Watson and Co, of Battle.

Extensive accommodation for the £35,000 being asked is provided by King Row Farm, at Shipdham, Norfolk. It is an old farmhouse which has been fully modernized and recently redecorated. There are three reception rooms, two storerooms a games room and five bedrooms.

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The Rent Acts have given rise to a large number of publications designed to ease the path of the laymen through the legal labyrinth.

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Gerald Ely

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I. F. M. FOSTER
Secretary
3rd February, 1978
Redhill, Surrey.

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Tonight, it is the Money Programme's turn to ask whether Michael Edwardes can pull British Leyland back on to the road. If he watched all such programmes, he wouldn't have time to try.

Hard to believe that we are already halfway through London Weekend's present series of The Professionals. Must be kept, I should have thought.

Another of those glamour occasions—The Sun TV Awards from the Hilton Hotel, London.—I.R.R.

... am, You and Me. ... News. 1.00, Pebble ... 2.05, Mr Benn. 3.25, ... Play School. 4.20, ... Wolf. 4.25, Jackanory. ... ngers. 4.55, Crackerjack. Paddington. ... News. 5.55, Nationwide. Pink Panther Show. ... Sherlock Holmes in Washington, with ... Rathbone, Nigel ... Bruce.* ... ridge. ... gsters. ... The Rights of ... Mistress. ... Boyce in Concert. ... European Figure Skating Championships. ... Film: You Don't Need ... Christmas at Rosie's, with Jacqueline Bisset, Wes ... ther. ... white.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Discovering Patchwork.
7.30 Newsday.
8.10 Kilvert's Diary.
8.25 Money Programme: Michael Edwardes, British Leyland and the Ryder Plan.
9.00 Pot Black '78: Ray Reardon v Doug Mountjoy.
9.30 Horizon. Zero G: The story of Skylab, the American space station.
10.25 Mayor of Casterbridge.
11.20 News.
11.30-11.35, Bernard Hepton Reads By Southampton Water, by Jeremy Hooker.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 1.55, Untamed Frontier. 2.15, Film: Turnabout, with Carole Landis.* 3.50, Southern. 4.15, Thames. 5.10, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Kick off. 7.00, London. 11.30-12.50 am, Film: Intermezzo, with Leslie Howard, Ingrid Bergman.*

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 1.55, ATV. 2.25, Film: The Whole Truth, with Stewart Granger, Donna Reed, George Sanders.* 3.50, Southern. 4.15, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, Welcome to the Ceilidh. 8.00, London. 10.30, Reflections. 10.35, Points North. 11.35-12.35 am, Frankie Vaughan Show.

HTV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Southern. 2.25, Film: The Small Back Room, with David Farrar, Kathleen Byron.* 4.15, Thames. 5.15, Captain Nemo. 5.20, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, London. 11.30-12.25 am, Police Woman. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.15-4.45, Cor Nown Cyngerdd. 6.00-6.15, Y Dydd. 7.30-8.00, Showcase. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 1.55, Film: Ingrid Bergman, Yul Brynner in Anastasia. 3.50, Southern. 4.15, Thames. 5.15, The Brady Bunch. 5.45, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 6.50, Police Six. 7.00, A Drop in Your Hand. 7.30, London. 10.30, Talk. 10.35, Sportscast. 11.05, Film: Charles Cioffi, George Voskovec, Mark Shera in Nicky's World.

Anglia

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 1.55, Beryl's Lot (r). 2.25, Film: Lucas Tanner, with David Hartman, Kathleen Quinlan. 3.50, Out of Town. 4.15, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 11.30, Film: Go Ask Alice, with William Shatner, Andy Griffith, Ruth Roman. 1.00 am, Men Who Matter.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Film: The Uncle, with Rupert Davis, Brenda Bruce. 3.50, Southern. 4.15, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Look Around. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 11.30, Fireside Theatre. 12.30 am, Border News.

Thames

11.54 am, Felix the Cat. 12.00, A Handful of Songs. 12.10 pm, Rainbow. 12.30, Cuckoo in the Nest. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Money-Go-Round. 1.55, Beryl's Lot (r). 2.25, Film: Knight Without Armour, with Marlene Dietrich, Robert Donat. 4.15, Horse in the House (r). 4.45, Magpie. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm.
5.45 News. 6.00, Thames at 6.
6.35 Crossroads.
(r) Repeat.

London Weekend

7.00 pm, Mind Your Language.
7.30 Maggie and Her.
8.00 General Hospital.
9.00 The Professionals.
10.00 News.
10.30 The Sun Television Awards.
11.30 Police 5.
11.40 Baretta.
12.40 am, Epilogue.

ATV

11.55 am, Parsley. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 1.55, Indoor League. 2.25, The Sullivans. 3.25, Beryl's Lot. 3.50, Stars on Ice. 4.15, Thames. 5.15, Wish You Were Here . . . ? 5.45, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 11.30-12.40 am, Film: Not of this Earth, with Paul Birch, Beverly Garland.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Indoor League. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Columbo. 3.50, Berly's Lot. 4.15, Thames. 5.10, Weekend. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day, Scene South-east. 6.30, Out of Town. 7.00, London. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Film: Risko, with Gabriel Dell. 12.35 am, Weather. Epilogue.

Radio

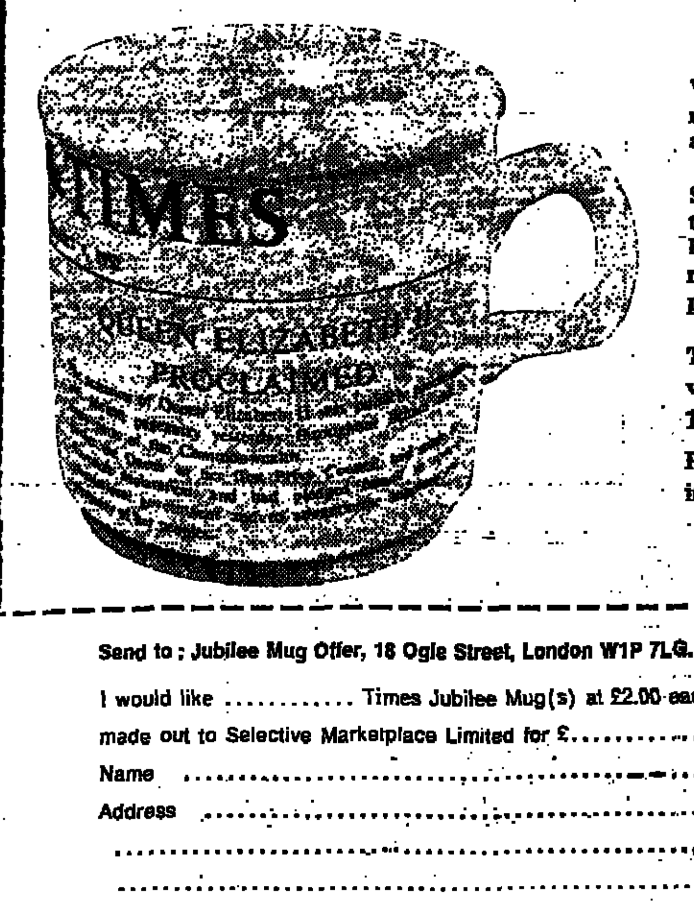
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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.02, Ted Heath Band.† 8.02, Neil Richardson.† 8.45, Music Night.† 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Ray Moore.† 7.32, Terry Wogan† (8.27, Racing bulletin). 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, Treble Chance. 10.30, Let's Go Latin. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Scheidt, Rameau, W. F. Bach, Couperin. 8.00, News. 8.05, Britten, Hadley.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Finzi and Moeran.† 9.50, Piano Recital: Gerhard, Gow.† 10.45, BBC Concert Orchestra: Alwyn, Butterworth, Elgar, Morgan, Croft, Tausky.† 11.45, Song Recital: Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov.† 12.30 pm, Concert, part 1: Bach.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Play bill.† 1.20, Concert, part 2: Bach, Hindemith.† 2.15, Gabrieli String Quartet: Crosse, Janacek.† 3.20, Piano Recital: Schubert Sonatas.† 4.10, The Avant-Garde Organ: Gorecki, Huber, Bousch.† 4.45, The Young Idea.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, In Your Own Time. 7.00, Music in Principle. 7.30, Scottish National Orchestra, part 1: Webern, Berg.† 8.15, The Philosophy of Composition, essay by Edgar Allan Poe. 8.35, Concert, part 2: Beethoven.† 9.30, The Basques: Anatomy of a Vision, by Douglas Gifford. 9.55, Sandor Vegh (violin): Debussy, Veress, Bach.† 10.45, Music Now. Priaulx Rainier at 75. 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

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6.15 am, News. 6.17, Farming. 6.35, Up to the Hour. 7.00, News. 7.10, Today. 7.35, Up to the Hour. 8.00, News. 8.10, Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 021-432 5432. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, C. S. Lewis Remembered. 11.50, First Impression: Dr David Owen, MP. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Music. 12.55, Weather. 1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Living Private. 4.00, News. 4.05, The Green Wall of Cyprus, the fighting in 1974 and the consequences. 4.35, Story: Harriet. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.30, Going Places. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Pick of the Week. 8.10, Instant sunshine. 8.30, Any Questions? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Today in Synod. 9.35, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, Week Ending. . . . 10.55, My Delight, with Alan Bleasdale. 11.00, Book at Bedtime: "Troubles". 11.15, The Financial world Tonight. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.40, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore forecast.

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BIRTHS

BEAUMONT.—On 1st February, 1978, at Westminster Hospital, to Barbara (née Pearson) and Hyot—a daughter (Iona Kathryn Isabel), a sister to Isla and Valiri.

BOWEN.—On 28th January, at King's College Hospital, to Beate (née Tarnow) and John—a daughter.

DEL DAY.—On 25th January, to Heather (née Sinclair) and Nicholas—a daughter.

FORRESTER-WOOD.—On January 22nd at Redruth Hospital to Jeniffer (née Maslin) and Christopher—a son (Simon Charles) a brother for James.

GUBBINS.—On February 1st at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Jenny (née Dearman) and Bruce—a son, a brother to Andrew and Christopher.

HARSTON.—On February 1st at the British High Commission (Box 479), Blantyre, Malawi, to Karan and Julian—a son (Alexander Julian James).

KLABER.—On 1st February at University College Hospital to Michael and Mary Clare—twin daughters Victoria Jane and Alexandra Mary.

McLAREN.—On January 28th, at Amersham Hospital, to Heather (née Briggs) and Ronald McLaren, of Little Chalfont—a son (Robert), a brother for Edward.

MILLER.—On 1st February at St. Thomas' Hospital to Jacquie and Hal Miller—a son.

BIRTHS

NAYLOR.—On 30th January, to Vicki (née Sumner) and Christopher—a little girl (Mary Rebecca).

SANDFORD.—On 30th January, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Huguette and Peter—a son (Paul Charles Glen), half-brother to Olivia and Tania Bromley-Martin and Claire.

SAUNDERS.—On February 2nd to Linda and Stephen—a son (Christopher), at Shrodells, Watford.

SEMPLE.—On February 1st, 1978, to Margaret and James—a daughter (Helen Ruth), at St. Thomas's Hospital.

SHARPLES.—On 31st January to Sharon (née Sweeny) and Christopher—a son (Richard Christopher).

WELSH.—On Jan. 28th, in Salisbury, to Linda (née Constant) and David—a son (James Bertram).

WILSON.—On 26th January, to Judith and James—a daughter.

BIRTHDAYS

JANE.—Happy birthday and congratulations on your 21st. Love, Mummy, Daddy, Adrienne, Francis, Jonathan, Matthew and Daniel.

SCOTTIE. I love you. Happy birthday, darling—SY.

TO MY DEAREST, darling wife Amanda. Happy 21st birthday, love forever, Mal.

DEATHS

ANSELL.—On 2nd February, 1978, peacefully at his home in Dersingham, Norfolk, James Lawrence Bunting, M.V.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Funeral arrangements later. All enquiries please, to R. H. Fayers & Son, Funeral Directors, King's Lynn (telephone 2134/2316).

BASCOMBE.—On 30th January, 1978, at St. Martin's Hospital, Bath, peacefully after a short illness, William Stanley, aged 87, beloved husband of Gwen and father of Bob. Funeral at Bath Crematorium, Monday, 6th February, at 12 noon. Please, no flowers, but donations if desired to St. Saviours' Church, Bath, Restoration Fund, c/o Rector.

BELL.—On February 1st, 1978, gently at 7 Egliston Road, S.W.15, Phyllis Margaret Bell (née Aitken), born December 16th, 1885, widow of Cyril Francis Bell, CIE and dearly beloved and admired mother of Nancy and Heather. Cremation, Putney Vale Crematorium, Monday, February 6th, 1.45 p.m. No flowers by request.

BERGER.—On February 1st, peacefully, in a Cheltenham rest home, Mignon Vera, in her 93rd year, widow of Colonel Arthur Berger, dearly loved mother of Charles and Coral, much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Cheltenham Crematorium, 8th February, at 12.30. Flowers to Sallm Smith, 74 Crestbury Road, Cheltenham.

BOYSE, ARTHUR EDWARD.—On Wednesday, 1st February, 1978, peacefully, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, aged 66 years, of Viceroy Close, Birmingham. Dearly loved husband of Margery, father of Anthony and step-father of Susan and Richard. Funeral service at Lodge Hill crematorium on Wednesday, 8th February, 1978 at 12.20 p.m. Flowers to be sent to Thomas Furber & Co., Ltd., funeral directors, 123 Station Rd., Harborne, Birmingham.

BUSSEY.—On February 2nd, in hospital, John Richard, aged 61 years, of Pinner. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Wednesday, 8th February at 11 a.m. (East chapel). Flowers may be sent to T. A. Ellement and Son Ltd., Bridge Street, Pinner, or if desired donations to R.M.B.I.

COCKS.—Leslie Frederick on 1st February, 1978, peacefully, in his sleep at Chelmsford and Essex Hospital. Beloved uncle of Renee, Joy, Barrie, Peter and Janet. No flowers or letters, donations to NRIB by request. Funeral service at Little Baddow United Reformed Church, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, 4th February. Cremation, Chelmsford Crematorium, 3.30 p.m., Monday, 6th February.

CONNELL (née Dewdney), on 1st February, in hospital, suddenly, Ina Audrey Pauline—"Bun"—of Peckers, Great Canfield, devoted wife of Dennis and loving mother of Timothy and Pattie. Service at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow, on 7th February at 10.30 a.m. No flowers please. Donations to British Field Sport Society, 36 Caxton Street, London, SW1 HORG.

EDMONDSON.—On 30th January, 1978, peacefully in Edinburgh, Olive Vanda (née Szczepanska), formerly of Oxford, widow of Major Brian Edmondson, Indian Army, beloved mother and grandmother.

FAIRFIELD.—On February 1st, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, C.B.E., aged 93, after a long illness. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Cheyne Row, London, S.W.3, at 11 a.m., Monday, February 6th, followed by private burial at Hendon Cemetery. Flowers to Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W.8, by 10 a.m. Monday.

FLETCHER, NORMAN, on 1st Feb., beloved husband father & grandfather. Funeral private. No letters.

FROST, BASIL, in Bulawayo, Rhodesia, peacefully on 1st February, 1978, dearly beloved husband of Christian, and the late Dorothy Frost (died 1954), and father of Jennifer, David and Jeffrey.

GUINNESS.—On February 1st, at King Edward VII Hospital, London, Major Eustace Francis Guinness, aged 78, late of the Irish Guards and senior partner of Robert Escombe Campbell & Co. Cremation at 4 p.m. on Monday, 6th February, in West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium.

HAUSER.—On Sunday, 29 January, at home in Budapest, Dr. Arnold Hauser, formerly of 3 Eton Ave., London, N.W.3, and Professor of the History of Art at Brandeis University.

HOARE.—On 31st January, 1978, after a short illness, in hospital, Geoffrey Benyon, of Clover House, Aldeburgh, beloved husband of Phil, loving and much loved father of Gerard, Clemency, Felicity and Rosemary. Thanksgiving service at St. Mary's Church, Old Harlow, on Wednesday, 8th February, at 2.30. No flowers, but donations in his memory may be sent to the Royal Naval Lifeboat Institute, c/o Barclays Bank, Aldeburgh.

KELLY.—On 1st February, in her sleep, Joan, of Leesthorpe Hall, Melton Mowbray, widow of the late Col. L. P. G. Kelly and mother of Dermot Kelly. Funeral service at Pickwell Church, Monday, 6th February, at 2.30. Family flowers only. No letters. Please, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1.

DEATHS

KIDD.—On Tuesday, 31st January, suddenly, in his office at Sir William Halcrow and Partners, Berry Cameron, aged 63, brother of Yvonne Craig, of Goleen, Newcastle Road, Kilkeel, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, and of Sally Craig, of 96 Marianne Way, Mount Waverley, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday, 7th February, at 3 p.m. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

KORRY.—On January 31st, 1978, peacefully at home, Minna Mary, beloved by all her family and friends. Cremation at Golders Green, on Friday, February 3rd, at 2 p.m.

LAMAISON.—On February 1st, 1978, peacefully at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Littlehampton, after a long illness, in her 85th year, Dorothy Isobel Lamaison, dear mother of William, Gavin, Alec and Joan. Funeral, Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Wednesday, 8th February, at 11.30 a.m. Cut flowers may be sent to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel. Littlehampton 3431.

LAZARUS, DOROTHY, peacefully, on Wednesday, February the 1st, very sadly missed by her son Alan, daughters Nora and Muriel, sons and daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, No. 4 Stockleigh Hall, Prince Albert Road, N.W.8.

LINEKER.—On Tuesday, January 31st, peacefully, in the Jubilee Hospital, Woodford Green, Isabella Rhoda, beloved wife of the late Frederick William Lineker, dearly loved and loving mother of Roger and Margaret, and devoted sister of Alfred Rogers, in her 83rd year. Cremation private, but a service of thanksgiving for her life will be held on Wednesday, February 8th, at 3.45 p.m., at Woodford Green United Free Church. No flowers or letters, please, but donations, if desired, to the Darby and Joan Club in her memory may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, "Colonsay", 7 Glen Crescent, Woodford Green, Essex.

LLEWELLEN-PALMER.—On February 1st, at Frogwell Hospital, Chippenham, Colonel Charles Timothy, M.C., late 7th Hussars, youngest son of Colonel William Llewellen-Palmer, M.C., and Lady Alexandra. Husband of Cynthia. Funeral Monday, 6th February, Great Somerford, 2.30. Memorial service to be arranged later.

LONG, ERIC, suddenly on January 29th. Dearly loved husband of Sheila and father of Peter, Elaine and Katharine. His family and friends all over the world will keep him forever in their memory. Loved by all who knew him.

LUCAS.—On 1st February, peacefully, at home, after a long illness bravely borne, Geoffrey, aged 55, dear husband of Joyce, of 15 Wilton Grove, S.W.19. Service at St. Mary's Church, Merton Park at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 7th February, followed by cremation at N.E. Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden Lane, Morden. Family flowers only, please, but donations, if desired, to the Royal Hospital & Home for Incurables, West Hill, S.W.15.

MACDONALD.—On February 2nd, 1978, peacefully, at his home, Heather Cottage, Budjoinh Salterton, Douglas Stephen Macdonald, only son of the late Doctor John Macdonald, of Aberdeen. Loved husband of Winnifred, loving father of Sheila and John and loved grandfather of Peter and Heather. Private cremation, please, no flowers.

McLELLAN, ERNEST (Mick), peacefully on 30th January, 1978, aged 78. Private cremation has taken place.

McMASTER.—On February 2nd, at St. Luke's Home, Oxford, Ian, husband of Jane and then of Mary, father of Julian, grandfather of Marina, Helen, Christian and Victoria, formerly H.M. Consul in Florence. Funeral at St. Margaret's Church, Oxford, on Tuesday, February 7th at 2.30 p.m. No flowers. Donations to St. Luke's Home.

ORREN.—On 1st February, very peacefully, in St. Augustine's Nursing Home, Robert Napier, of 154 Marine Court, St. Leonards-on-Sea, formerly of Walton-on-Thames. Funeral service, Hastings Crematorium, 3.30 p.m., 6th February, 1978. Flowers to Towner, Norman Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

PICKARD. — On January 31st, peacefully in hospital, Marie Pickard, of Balladoole, The Mount, Fetcham, beloved wife and mother to the 4 men in her life, Donald, Simon, Gregory and Dominic. Requiem mass at Church of the Holy Spirit, Bell Lane, Fetcham, on Monday, February 6th, at 10 a.m. followed by private cremation. Flowers care of Rawkins, Highlands Road, Leatherhead. Tel. 72455.

POT.—On 31st January, 1978, peacefully, Jan Bart Pot, of 16 Albany Pk. Rd., Kingston upon Thames. Service at All Saints Parish Church, Kingston upon Thames, 12.00 midday, Tuesday, February 7th. No flowers, please. If desired, donations to British Heart Foundation.

SECRETAN.—On February 1st, peacefully at War Memorial Hospital, Henley on Thames, Norman Garrode, late of Assam, Malawi, devoted husband of the late Klari, loved father of Claire and Martin, and a happy grandfather to Kate and Sammy. Cremation private. No letters or flowers, but donations, please, to the British Heart Foundation.

TUBBS.—On 30th January, 1978, peacefully, Rev. Edward Joseph Tubbs, C.A., L.C.B., author of Tubbs Hebrew Grammar and the Arabic Lexicon, aged 92, beloved husband of Doris. Funeral Service at Long View, Mortimer, Berks on Saturday 4th February at 11.30 a.m. Burial afterwards at Mortimer Cemetery, Drury Lane, Mortimer.

WATTS.—On 30th January, 1978, Mrs Ethel Maud Watts, widow of Humphrey Watts, serenely in her 89th year at The Grange, Bacton, Suffolk. Requiem Mass 12 noon Monday, 6th February at University Chaplaincy, Harrisons Road, Birmingham 15, followed by burial at Blackmore Park, Hanley Swan, near Malvern.

WELSBY-JACKSON.—On February 1st, 1978, at an Eastbourne nursing home, William Welsby-Jackson, M.Sc., PhD., A.L.C.M., most beloved and devoted husband and father. Private family service. Please, no flowers, letters or telephone calls.

WILLIAMS.—On 30th January, 1978, at St. Stephens Hospital, London, Vera (née Bruckshaw) dearly loved wife of B. Royston Williams, 51 Markham St., Chelsea. Funeral Putney Vale Cemetery, 2.15 p.m. Wednesday, 8th February, 1978. Beloved by all who knew her, she will be sadly missed by her many friends from the Sir John Cass School of Art. Flowers to Buckle & Sons, 346 Fulham Road, Chelsea, S.W.10, or if desired, donations to Cancer Research. Memorial Service to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CARR.—A thanksgiving service for the life of Richard P. Carr will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at noon, in the Guards Chapel Wellington Barracks, S.W.1.

DUMMETT. A memorial service for Robert Bryan Dummett, CBE, will be held at St. Giles's Church, Cripplegate, Barbican, London, EC2, on Thursday, 9th February at 12 noon.

DYKES BOWER, MICHAEL.—A Memorial Service will be held in Exeter Cathedral on Tuesday, February 21st, at 2.30 p.m.

ROBERTS.—A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the late Sir Gilbert Roberts, formerly Partner of Freeman Fox & Partners, will be held at the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, London, E.C.1, at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 February, 1978.

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1 Gentleman you may smoke (12).
8 Family side of over 500 employees (7).
9 Rob got a new sort of fish reh'h (7).
11 Building where newsman is given an ice (7).
12 Eric has internal pain when s'retched (7).
13 Go away south, knocking back the brandy (5).
14 Philosopher holds French crown? Right, he embezzled it (9).
16 Amid endless poetry maybe, a volume that tries the eyes (9).
19 About a lost box? (5).
21 Orando laborando for (not only Rugby) grammarians (7).
23 Murmur's starting—wet weather kills cattle (7).
24 Great Circle Line (7).
25 God around to wild parties (7).
26 Station cleaner annoyed about spilt gin (7, 5).

DOWN

1 Dismiss Chesterton's "lady in a cage"? (7).
2 Element that powers a German submarine? (7).
3 It might dispense of drink in the grounds, or maybe vice-versa (6-3).
4 Composer of eastern brew or western beer (5).
5 This spoon last seen vanishing in the Weser (3-4).
6 Sign one's talked about in audible range (7).
7 Ophidian language in the fernery (6-6).
10 Stuart deplored rent revision (3, 9).
15 Such scales of colour? (9).
17 Cast audible from start to finish (7).
18 TV studio hazard? (7).
19 Horseplay in a card-game. What a mix-up! (7).
20 Swindle America? Get head of government on the blower (7).
22 "Blest pair of ——s . . . Voice and Verse" (Milton) (5).

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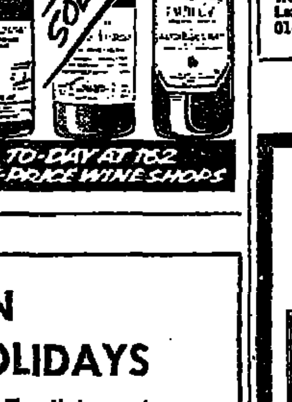
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